



## DIANA PRINCESS OF WALES: ORDER OF SERVICE

## Westminster Abbey



# FUNERAL of DIANA PRINCESS OF WALES

Saturday 6 September 1997  
11.00 a.m.

During the Procession of the Cortege from Kensington Palace, the Tenor Bell is tolled every minute.

The service is sung by the Choir of Westminster Abbey, conducted by Martin Neary, Organist and Master of the Choristers.

The organ is played by Martin Baker, Sub-Organist of Westminster Abbey.

Music before the service, played by Stephen Le Prevost, Assistant Organist, Westminster Abbey:

Second Movement (Grave) Organ Sonata, No.2  
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-47)

Prelude on the hymn tune Ev'ntide  
Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

Adagio in E  
Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

Prelude on the hymn tune Rhosymedre  
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Choral Prelude: Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ,  
BWV639  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Elegy  
George Thalben-Ball (1896-1988)

Martin Baker plays:  
Fantasia in C minor BWV537  
Johann Sebastian Bach

Adagio in G minor  
Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni (1671-1751)

Slow movement, from the Ninth Symphony (From the  
New World)  
Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)

Canon  
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Nimrod, Variation 9 arranged from Variations on an  
original theme (Enigma) Op.36  
Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Prelude  
William Harris (1883-1973)

The members of the Spencer family are received at the  
Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter  
of Westminster.

All stand as they are conducted to places in the North  
Lantern, and then sit.

All stand as the Procession of Visiting Clergy moves to  
places in the Sacram, and then sit.

Members of the Royal Family are received at the  
Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of  
Westminster and are conducted to St Georges Chapel.

All stand as they are conducted to places in the South  
Lantern, and then sit.

Her Majesty the Queen, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth  
the Queen Mother, and His Royal Highness The  
Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, are received at the  
Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of  
Westminster.

All stand as Their Majesties and His Royal Highness  
are conducted to their places in the South Lantern.

All remain standing as the cortege enters the  
Great West Door.

The Collegiate Body of St Peter in Westminster  
moves into place in the Nave.

All sing

## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

## ORDER OF SERVICE

The cortege, preceded by the Collegiate Body, moves to  
the Quire and Sacram, during which the Choir  
sings.

## THE SENTENCES

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he  
that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall  
he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me  
shall never die.  
(St John 11: 25-26)

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall  
stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though  
after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my  
flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and  
mine eyes shall behold, and not another.  
(Job 19: 25-27)

We brought nothing into this world, and it is cer-  
tain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave,  
and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be  
the name of the Lord.  
(1 Timothy 6: 7; Job 1: 21)

William Croft (1628-1727) Organist of Westminster Abbey (1748-27)

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts: shut  
not thy merciful ears unto our prayer; but spare  
us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy  
and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge  
eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of  
death, to fall from thee. Amen  
(Book of Common Prayer)

Henry Purcell (1659-95) Organist of Westminster Abbey 1694-95.

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write.  
From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in  
the Lord: even so saith the Spirit: for they rest from  
their labours.  
Revelation 14: 13. William Croft.

All remain standing. The Very Reverend Dr Wesley  
Carr, Dean of Westminster, says

## THE BIDDING

We are gathered here in Westminster Abbey to  
give thanks for the life of Diana, Princess of  
Wales; to commend her soul to almighty God,  
and to seek his comfort for all who mourn. We particu-

larly pray for Gods restoring peace and loving presence  
with her children, the Princes William and Harry, and  
for all her family.

In her life, Diana profoundly influenced this nation and  
the world. Although a Princess, she was someone for  
whom, from afar, we dared to feel affection, and by  
whom we were all intrigued. She kept company with  
kings and queens, with princes and presidents, but we  
especially remember her humane concerns and how  
she met individuals and made them feel significant. In  
her death she commands the sympathy of millions.  
Whatever our beliefs and faith, let us with thanksgiving  
remember her life and enjoyment of it; let us re-dedicate  
to God the work of those many charities that she  
supported; let us commit ourselves anew to caring for  
others; and let us offer to him and for his service our  
own mortality and vulnerability.

All remain standing to sing

## THE HYMN

I vow to thee, my country  
Cecil Spring-Rice (1859-1918) Thaxted.  
Gustav Holst (1874-1934).

All sit.

Lady Sarah McCrquodale reads:

If I should die and leave you here awhile,  
Be not like others, sore undone, who keep  
Long vigils by the silent dust, and weep.  
For my sake turn again to life and smile.  
Nerving thy heart and trembling hand to do  
Something to comfort other hearts than thine.  
Complete those dear unfinished tasks of mine  
And I, perchance, may therein comfort you.

All remain seated.

The BBC Singers, together with Lynne Dawson,  
soprano, sing:

Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna  
Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901) from The Requiem.

All remain seated.

Lady Jane Fellowes reads:

Time is too slow for those who wait,  
too swift for those who fear,  
too long for those who grieve,  
too short for those who rejoice,  
but for those who love, time is eternity.

All stand to sing

## THE HYMN

The King of Love: My Shepherd Is  
Dominus regit me J B Dylkes (1823 - 79)  
H W Baker (1821 - 77) Psalm 23

The Right Honourable Tony Blair, MP, Prime  
Minister, reads:

## I CORINTHIANS 13

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of  
angels, and have not love, I am become as sound-  
ing brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I  
have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries,  
and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that  
I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am  
nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the  
poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and  
have not love, it profiteth me nothing. Love suffereth  
long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth  
not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave  
itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily  
provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity,  
but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth  
all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies,  
they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall  
cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish  
away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.  
But when that which is perfect is come, then that which  
is in part shall be done away.

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as  
a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man,  
I put away childish things. For now we see through a  
glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part;  
but then shall I know even as also I am known. And  
now abideth faith, hope, love, these three: but the great-  
est of these is love.

All remain seated.

Elton John sings:

## CANDLE IN THE WIND

Bernie Taupin (b 1950) Elton John (b 1947)

All remain seated for

## THE TRIBUTE

by The Earl Spencer.

All stand to sing

## THE HYMN

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Sebastian Temple.  
St Francis of Assisi translated by Sebastian Temple.

All sit.

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable  
Dr George Carey,  
Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All  
England and Metropolitan, leads

## THE PRAYERS

For Diana, Princess of Wales:

We give thanks to God for Diana, Princess of  
Wales; for her sense of joy and for the way she  
gave so much to so many people.  
Lord we thank you for Diana, whose life touched us all  
and for all those memories of her that we treasure. We  
give thanks for those qualities and strengths that  
endured her to us; for her vulnerability; for her  
radiant and vibrant personality; for her ability to  
communicate warmth and compassion; for her ringing  
laugh; and above all for her readiness to identify with  
those less fortunate in our nation and the world.  
Lord of the loving: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For her family:

We pray for those most closely affected by her  
death: for Prince William and Prince Harry  
who mourn the passing of their dearly loved  
mother; for her family, especially for her mother, her  
brother and her sisters.  
Lord we thank you for the precious gift of family life,  
for all human relationships and for the strength we  
draw from one another. Have compassion on those for  
whom this parting brings particular pain and the  
deepest sense of loss. Casting their cares on you, may  
they know the gentleness of your presence and the  
consolation of your love.  
Lord of the bereaved: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For the Royal Family:

We pray for the members of the Royal Family, for  
wisdom and discernment as they discharge  
their responsibilities in the United Kingdom,  
the Commonwealth and the world.

Lord, we commend to you Elizabeth our Queen, the  
members of the Royal Family and all who exercise  
power and authority in our nation. Enrich them with  
your grace, that we may be governed with wisdom and  
godliness: so that in love for you and service to each  
other we may each bring our gifts to serve the common  
good.

Lord of the nations: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For all who mourn:

Diana was not alone in losing her young life tragi-  
cally. We remember too her friend, Dodi al-  
Fayed and his family; Henri Paul, and all for  
whom today's service rekindles memories of grief  
untimely borne.

Lord, in certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life,  
we commend to you all who have lost loved ones in  
tragic circumstances. Give them comfort; renew their  
faith and strengthen them in the weeks and months  
ahead.

Lord of the broken-hearted: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For the Princess's life and work:

The Princess will be especially missed by the many  
charities with which she identified herself. We  
recall those precious images: the affectionate cud-  
dle of children in hospital; that touch of the young man  
dying of Aids; her compassion for those maimed  
through the evil of land mines and many more.  
Lord we pray for all who are weak, poor and powerless  
in this country and throughout the world; the sick,  
among them Trevor Rees-Jones: the maimed and all  
whose lives are damaged. We thank you for the way  
that Diana became a beacon of hope and a source of  
strength for so many. We commend to you all those  
charities that she  
supported. Strengthen the resolve of those who work  
for them to continue the good work begun with her.  
Lord of the suffering: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For ourselves:

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but  
the greatest of these is love.

As we reflect on the Princess's compassion for others,  
we pray that we too may be inspired to serve as she  
served.

Lord we thank you for Diana's commitment to others.  
Give us the same compassion and commitment. Give  
us a steadfast heart, which no unworthy thought can  
drag down; an unconquered heart, which no tribulation  
can wear out; an upright heart, which no unworthy  
purpose can tempt aside. Grant us, O Lord, under-  
standing to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to  
find you, and a faithfulness that may bring us to your  
eternal kingdom.

Lord of the compassionate: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

All remain seated.

The choristers sing:

I would be true, for there are those that trust me.  
Air from County Derry in G Petrie: The Ancient Music of Ireland  
(1853)

Howard Arnold Walter.

The Archbishop continues:

Therefore, confident in the love and mercy of God,  
holding a living faith in God's mighty resurrection  
power, we, the congregation here, those in the  
streets outside and the millions around the world, join  
one another and the hosts of heaven, as we say togeth-  
er, in whatever language we may choose, the prayer  
which Jesus taught us:

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Archbishop says:

## THE BLESSING

The God of peace who brought again from the dead  
our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his  
will: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the  
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and all whom  
you love, this day and for  
evermore. AMEN.

All stand to sing

## THE HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer  
Cwm Rhonda, John Hughes (1873-1932)  
W Williams (1871-91) translated by P Williams (1877-96) and others.

Standing before the Catafalque the Dean says:

## THE COMMENDATION

Let us commend our sister Diana to the mercy of God,  
our Maker and Redeemer.

Diana, our companion in faith and sister in  
Christ, we entrust you to God.

Go forth from this world in the love of the Father, who  
created you;  
In the mercy of Jesus Christ, who died for you;  
In the power of the Holy Spirit, who strengthens you.  
At one with all the faithful, living and departed,  
may you rest in peace and rise in glory,  
where grief and misery are banished  
and light and joy evermore abide. AMEN.

All remain standing as the cortege leaves the church,  
during which the choir sings:

Alleluia. May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.

John Tavener (b 1944)  
extracts from William Shakespeare: Hamlet and the  
Orthodox Funeral Service.

At the west end of the church the cortege halts for the  
minutes silence, observed by the Nation.

The half-muffled bells of the Abbey church are rung.

All remain standing as the Processions move to the  
west end of the church.

Music after the service:

Prelude in C minor BWV 546.

Johann Sebastian Bach

Maestoso, from Symphonie No.3.  
Camille Saint-Saens (1835-1921)



## DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

## Service will blend liturgy with pop

BY ALAN HAMILTON AND PHILIP WEBSTER

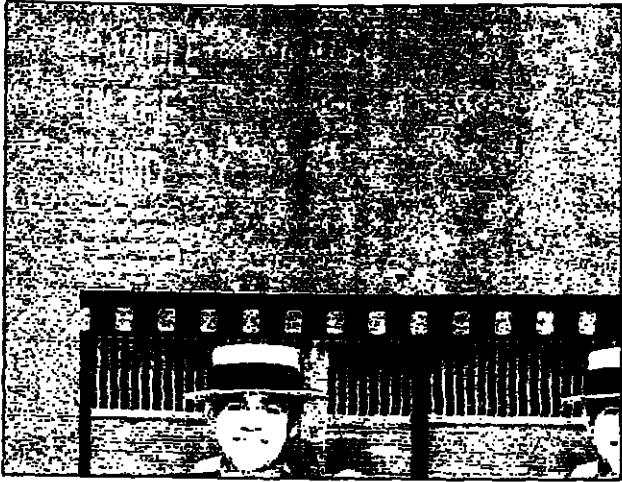
THE singer Elton John is to perform a specially rewritten version of his hit song *Candle in the Wind* at tomorrow's funeral service for Diana, Princess of Wales, an event which the Royal Family will attend but in which they will play no active part.

Before the service the Princess's body will leave her apartments at Kensington Palace at 9.08am to be drawn on a gun carriage through the streets of London in a procession lasting one hour and 47 minutes. It was still not clear last night whether her two sons, Prince William and Prince Harry, would walk behind the coffin for part of the route.

The order of service for Westminster Abbey released yesterday clearly shows the dominant hand of the Spencer family, with readings from the Princess's two sisters and a tribute from her brother. The Prime Minister will read the lesson.

The Times understands that the Prince of Wales took a personal decision not to play an active role in the service. He is believed to have felt that, because of his divorce, it would have been inappropriate for him to read from the Bible, and to have asked another member of his family to perform the task would merely have drawn attention to his own lack of participation.

Informed sources have confirmed that the Spencer family, who have played the major part in organising the service

Elton John: will sing *Candle in the Wind*

with the Very Rev Dr Wesley Carr, Dean of Westminster, did not veto a contribution to the service from the Prince or any other member of the Royal Family.

The Spencer family did feel, however, that Mr Blair was an appropriate figure to give the familiar reading on faith, hope and love from 1 Corinthians.

The service will be led by Dr Carr with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, leading the prayers, including those for the Princess, for her life and work, and for the Royal Family.

Traditional in many respects, the service will nonetheless make numerous concessions to the Princess's unique character, and the fact that she mirrored the feelings of a younger generation.

Elton John, an active supporter of many of the Princess's favourite causes,

was invited by the abbey with the agreement of the Spencer family and immediately accepted. Dr Carr said yesterday. The new words, beginning "Goodbye England's Rose", written by John's lyricist Bernie Taupin, are a direct tribute to the Princess. John will accompany himself on his own customised Yamaha grand piano, which will be installed in Westminster Abbey today.

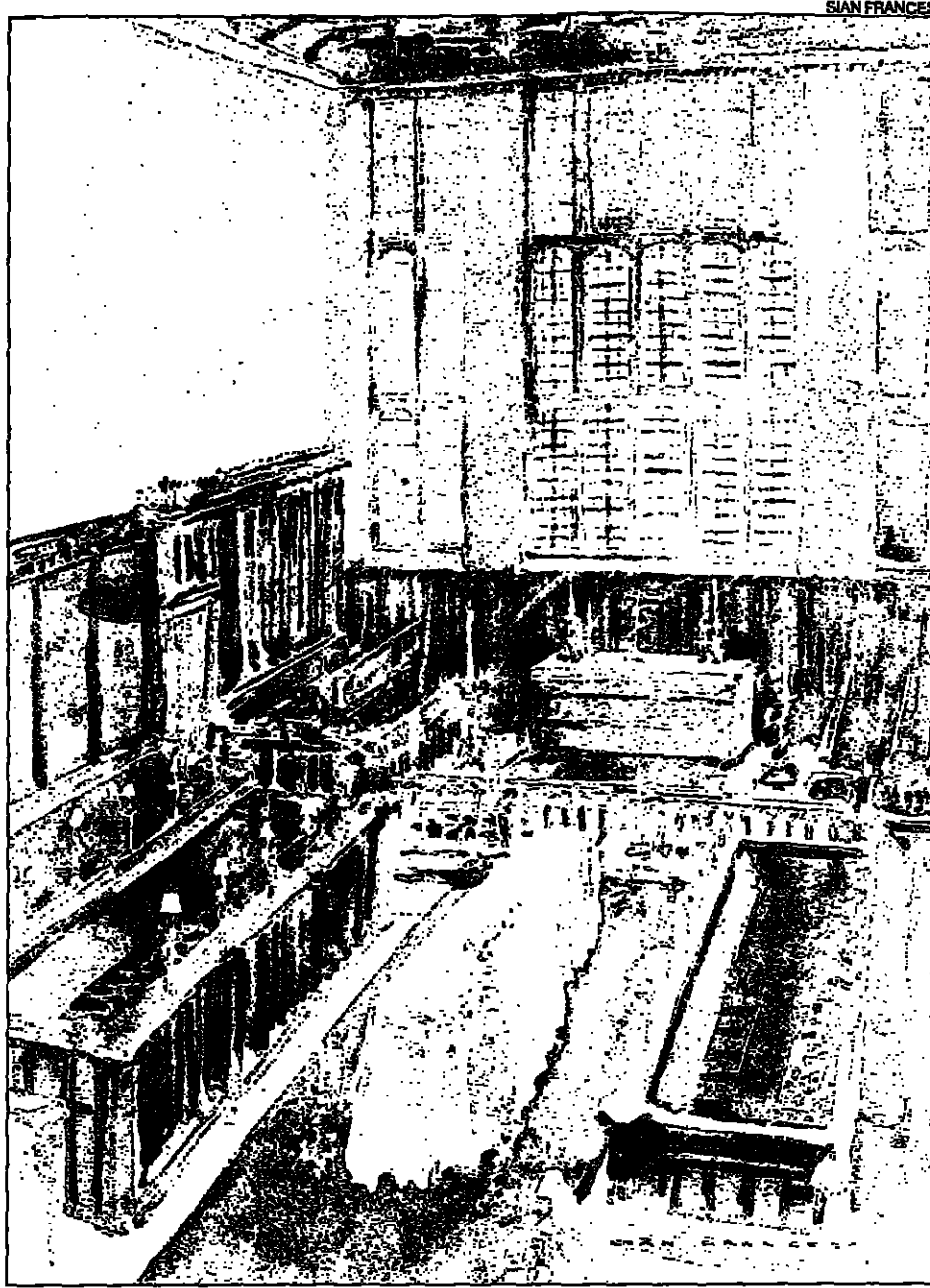
The rest of the service bears the clear stamp of Spencer family choice, and includes several pieces dear to the Princess's heart. The first hymn, *I Vow To Thee My Country*, to Holst's familiar melody from *The Planets*, was her favourite. She was also particularly fond of the Verdi *Requiem*, and the soprano Lynne Dawson, with the BBC Singers, will sing a passage from its powerful ending.

Inclusion of the modern

hymn *Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace* was a reflection of the Princess's character, Dr Carr said. The traditional side of the service will be reflected in the singing of *The King Of Love My Shepherd Is*, while the Princess's Welsh connection will be remembered in the final hymn, one of the most stirring of all, sung to the traditional roof-raising strains of *Cwm Rhonda*.

Among the most poignant sounds of the 50-minute service will be the choir singing a modern work, composed in 1993 and full of serene Alleluias, *Song For Athene*. Written by John Tavener as a tribute to a young friend killed in a cycling accident, its dying strains will lead the abbey and the watching nation into the minute's silence as the cortege processes out by the Great West Door. The silence will be ended by the slow tolling of the abbey's half-muffled bells.

As hundreds continued to queue to sign books of condolence last night, it was announced that they would close at midnight tonight, and that mourners at St James's Palace should not join the queue after 6pm. The books of condolence at Kensington Palace will close for the funeral. They will reopen at 2pm tomorrow, and will remain open at least until September 15.



The scene inside the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, where Diana's body lies

## Queen

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the new arrangements were a further sign that the Royal Family was responding positively and imaginatively to the extraordinary outpouring of grief. They should be supported for this thinking, not criticised.

The apparent change of heart was signalled by a rare Palace statement telling of the Royal Family's distress at suggestions that they were untouched by the tragedy.

The Queen's press secretary, Geoffrey Crawford, faced cameras at St James's Palace and said: "The Royal Family have been hurt by suggestions that they are indifferent to the country's sorrow at the tragic death of the Princess of Wales. The Princess was a much-loved national figure, but she was also a mother whose sons miss her deeply."

He said that Prince William and Prince Harry wanted to remain in the "quiet haven of Balmoral" and added that the Queen, as their grandmother, was "helping the princes come to terms with their loss as they prepare themselves for the public ordeal of mourning their mother with the nation on Saturday."

The Queen's appearance on television and radio will be only the second time that has been broadcast to the nation apart from her Christmas messages. The other occasion was at the end of the Gulf War.

William Hague, the Tory leader, said: "Everyone will want to watch the Queen tomorrow. Please, let us all come together now and stop converting our grief into criticism of the Royal Family."

## POPULAR CHOICE

ELTON JOHN and Bernie Taupin have this week rewritten the lyrics to their tender song about one tragic 20th-century figure, Marilyn Monroe, and dedicated it to another, Diana, Princess of Wales. *Candle in the Wind*, the 1974 song which rarely fails to pull at the heartstrings, has been one of their greatest hits. This week, words about a fragile woman besieged by fame seemed particularly poignant to those mourning the Princess, who repeatedly requested its inclusion at the funeral. Once again, "people power" made a difference. John, 50, who will sing the song during the funeral service, and his lyricist, Taupin, 47, worked against the clock to produce appropriate new words. The pair have been collaborators for 30 years. John flew to the United States on Wednesday and contacted Taupin at his Californian home as soon as his own involvement was confirmed.

Lyrics to reworked version of *Candle in the Wind*

Goodbye England's rose,  
may you ever grow in our hearts.  
You were the grace that placed itself  
where lives were torn apart.  
You called out to our country,  
and you whispered to those in pain.  
Now you belong to heaven,  
and the stars spell out your name.  
And it seems to me you lived your life  
like a candle in the wind:  
never fading with the sunset  
when the rain set in.  
And your footsteps will always fall here,  
along England's greenest hills:  
your candle's burned out long before  
your legend ever will.  
Loveliness we've lost:  
these empty days without your smile.  
This torch we'll always carry  
for our nation's golden child.  
And even though we try,  
the truth brings us to tears:  
all our words cannot express  
the joy you brought us through the years.  
Goodbye England's rose,  
from a country lost without your soul,  
who'll miss the wings of your compassion  
more than you'll ever know.

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## Silent procession through London will take two hours

THE body of Diana, Princess of Wales, will be borne through the streets of London in a silent procession lasting one hour and 47 minutes.

Tonight, the coffin will be moved, by hearse and without ceremony, from the Chapel Royal at St James's Palace to lie overnight in the Princess's private apartments in Kensington Palace. No time for the move has been given.

Tomorrow, the coffin, draped in the Royal Standard and bearing family wreaths, will be placed on its ceremonial horse-drawn gun carriage by a bearer party from the Welsh Guards, and leave Kensington Palace at 9.08am. The half-muffled tenor bell at the abbey will toll every minute as the cortege travels to Westminster.

For the first two-thirds of the procession, the gun carriage will be accompanied by only the men of the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery who are drawing it, and by the Welsh Guards, party consisting of eight pallbearers, two officers, and two orderlies to carry the bearers' caps.

At 10.26 the gun carriage, on its way down The Mall, will pass the junction of Marlborough Road, near the rear of St James's Palace, where it will be joined by those following on foot. The Palace was

Abbey bell will toll each minute as cortege makes its journey, writes Alan Hamilton

unable to confirm last night if Prince William and Prince Harry would join the procession. Earl Spencer and the Prince of Wales, are expected to lead the procession.

The gun carriage will be joined at that point by 533 representatives of some of the Princess's favourite charities, who will walk behind to Broad Sanctuary, by the Great West Door of the abbey.

The procession is due to arrive by the abbey door at 10.55, where the coffin will be carried down the nave to rest before the high altar. Those who walked in procession will go next door to the church of St Margaret's, where the service will be relayed by loudspeakers.

As the coffin makes its way through streets lined by mourners likely to be numbered in millions, the abbey doors will open at 9.30 to admit the bulk of the 1,900-

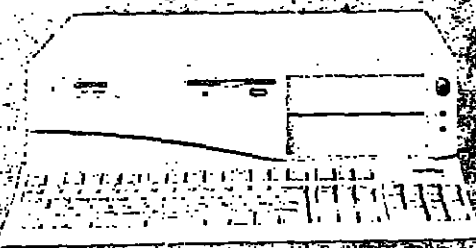
strong congregation. VIP guests will arrive between 10.15 and 10.30, and members of the Spencer family at 10.35am. At 10.45, junior members of the royal family will arrive, and at 10.50 senior members including the Queen will arrive from Buckingham Palace by car.

The Royal Family and the Spencer family will be seated in the front pews on either side of the central aisle. Apart from a black reserved for ambassadors, seating is at random. Luciano Pavarotti is to attend, and intends to sing at a concert in memory of the Princess at a later date.

After the service, with only the half-muffled bells of the abbey for accompaniment, the coffin will be placed in a hearse and driven through north London to the start of the M1 motorway, and on to private burial at Great Brington, near the Spencer family seat at Althorp.

The Queen will not attend the private interment. She will return to Buckingham Palace immediately after the service when it ends at about 11.55. The principal mourners at the family burial are expected to be the Prince of Wales, Prince William, Prince Harry, Earl Spencer, the Princess's two sisters, and her mother, Mrs Frances Shand-Kydd.

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Lieutenant Colonel Sandy Malcolm, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards, said yesterday that it was a tremendous honour for his men to have been selected to carry the coffin at the abbey.

The swelling sea of floral tributes at the gates of Kensington Palace yesterday. More than 30,000 Princess of Wales roses, launched in April with the British Lung Foundation, have been sold since her death.

**Man who drove  
Princess may  
have lacked  
permit, Charles  
Bremner writes**

Meanwhile, thousands of passengers on all British airlines, wherever they are in the world, will be asked to observe a two-minute silence at 11am. Airports throughout the country will come to a standstill as check-in desks close and ground controllers instruct

Other British airlines, including British Midland, Virgin and charter operator Britannia, will observe a similar silence at the same time, switching off in-flight entertainment systems and stopping the service of drinks or

Normally, only bad weather or accidents prevent aircraft from flying in a non-stop stream over Westminster. Although Gatwick, Stansted and other airports will be brought to a standstill for two minutes at 11am, operations will continue as normal before and after the official silence.

M Repossi was unavailable for comment. A spokeswoman said: "We try to respect the pain and sorrow because we are close friends of Mr Al Fayed."

As well as the the implications for the criminal case, a finding that the Brittany-born driver was not only drunk but unqualified to drive the

Mr Al Fayed has engaged Georges Kiejman, one of France's most celebrated lawyers, to press his civil suit against the photographers.

Investigators reported yesterday that the Mercedes had been in good mechanical condition. Officials also moved to scotch a potential bidding war for the wreck, saying it could be held indefinitely and perhaps permanently by the French.

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Shadow Scottish Secretary (1993 to 1997), he had expected the job in cabinet but was moved sideways to MoD. MP for Hamilton South since 1978. Son of a policeman. Married Sandra in 1970, two sons, one daughter.

**Frank Dobson**  
Health Secretary. 57

Shadow Minister for Environment (1994 to 1997). MP for Holborn and St Pancras since 1979. Married Janet in 1967, has one daughter and two sons. A former leader of Camden council in London. Old Labour but almost able to sing to the new tune.

**Ann Taylor**  
President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons. 49

MP for Bolton West from 1974 to 1983 and then Dewsbury since 1987. Shadow Leader of the House (1993 to 1997). Was a member of last Labour Government. Married with one son and one daughter.

**Harriet Harman**  
Social Security Secretary. 46

Shadow Employment Secretary (1994 to 1997). Married in 1982 to Jack Dronow, senior official at the Transport and General Workers Union; has two sons and one daughter.

**Marjorie Mowlam**  
Northern Ireland Secretary. 41

Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary (1994 to 1997). Previously a spokesman on National Heritage matters, the citizens' charter, women's Affairs and the City. MP for Redcar since 1987. Married but no children.

**Ron Davies**  
Welsh Secretary. 50

Shadow Welsh Secretary (1992 to 1997). MP for Caerphilly since 1983. Married Christina in 1981, has one daughter. Very much Old Labour but brought into line by the Blairites. Promoted row last year when he suggested abolition of monarchy.

**Clare Short**  
International Development Secretary. 51

Overseas Development spokesman (1994 to 1997). MP for Birmingham Ladywood since 1983. Widowed. Reunited this year with son whom she gave up for adoption 30 years ago.

**Lord Richard**  
Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the Lords. 64

Labour leader in the Lords since 1992. Trained as a barrister and is a QC. MP for Barons Court in West London from 1964 to 1974. Raised to peerage in 1990. Experienced and respected in the Lords.

**David Blunkett**  
Education Secretary. 49

Shadow Education Secretary (1992 to 1997). MP for Colne Valley from 1976 to 1979, and then South Shields since 1979. Married Christine in 1983, has one daughter. Shadowing David Williams.

**Gordon Strachan**  
Minister of State for Transport. 48

Shadow Secretary of State for Transport (1994 to 1997). MP for Glasgow Central since 1983. One of the few openly gay MPs.

**Alan Dancs**  
Minister of State for Northern Ireland. 48

Shadow Minister of State for Northern Ireland (1994 to 1997). MP for Belfast since 1983. One of the few openly gay MPs.

**Chris Smith**  
National Heritage Secretary. 45

Shadow National Heritage Secretary (1994 to 1997). Appointment to high after the literary scene as a designer. MP for Islington South and Finsbury since 1983. One of the few openly gay MPs.

**Nick Brown**  
Chief Whip. 48

Former deputy chief whip for Labour. One ally of Gordon Brown. Member of various upper-class clubs. One of the few openly gay MPs.

# how the team lines up

## Blunkett has the practical problems of office taped

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

WHITEHALL has been preparing for almost a year for the arrival of David Blunkett, the first blind Cabinet minister. But Mr Blunkett has already discovered one problem: his braille briefing papers are too large to fit into the "red box" that ministers take home with them at night.

Officials have wrestled with the problem of distilling 100 or more pages of briefing every day. Policy papers are to be limited to four pages and will have a short summary so that the Education and Employment Secretary can assess whether he needs a full briefing.

At Mr Blunkett's request, the department will use mainly taped submissions. A "reading unit" has been created to produce the audio cassettes.

Mr Blunkett will rely on his private office and political adviser to filter material. A small team centred on his researcher, Conor Ryan, has carried out the process in Opposition. The department is examining how big the team needs to be in government.

Mr Blunkett has an outstanding memory and has told the department that he can cope with 40 pages a day on audio tape, with a back-up on braille for statistics and particularly important texts.

Mr Blunkett has asked those intending to send submissions on future policy to do so in print, rather than in braille or on tape, so that the department can operate in the normal way. "In order to allow us to deal with matters in an orderly fashion, I would like people to forget that I cannot see and continue to deal with the department in the normal way," he said.

"I am requesting that they take a leaf out of my own book, which is to approach this job as would any other incoming

Secretary of State and allow the department to work with me in overcoming any practical problems."

The 49-year-old MP for Sheffield Brightside has been blind since birth. His optic nerves failed to develop, and he can barely distinguish between bright light and darkness.

His father died in an industrial accident when he was 12 and he had an unhappy period at a boarding school for the blind. He spent six years at evening classes gaining the A levels needed for a place at Sheffield University. Fellow students of politics took turns reading texts onto cassettes.

As leader of Sheffield City Council, he relied on a combination of braille and tapes to keep up with policy papers. After his election to Parliament in 1987, the Palace of Westminster had to relax its rules on animals to accommodate his guide dog.

Mr Blunkett held his first education briefing within hours of his appointment on Friday. He promised separate White Papers on education and employment soon with the prospect of one overarching bill in the first session of Parliament.

The task of writing the core of the education White Paper will fall to Professor Michael Barber, who has been appointed Special Adviser on Standards and Effectiveness in Schools. Professor Barber will be seconded from his post of Dean of New Initiative at the Institute of Education in London.

A focus group for teachers will be set up, to keep the department informed of their views. Teachers will be faced with a barrage of changes, including compulsory retraining in teaching the basics of literacy.

## Field called up for his radical thinking

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY Blair's decision to appoint Frank Field as number two at social security signals the Prime Minister's determination to implement sweeping reforms of the welfare state.

Mr Field will deputise for Harriet Harman, who has kept her shadow cabinet portfolio, but Mr Blair will be relying on the maverick MP for Birkenhead to "think the unthinkable" which is likely to include a pensions shake-up. Mr Blair had hoped that his shadow team would have come up with more radical welfare changes but Chris Smith ducked the issue and Harriet Harman's strength is in presentation, rather than detail.

Mr Field is known for his radical thinking — often more right wing than Peter Lilley's — and perhaps because of that he has been notably absent from Labour's front bench since 1984. Mr Blair made the first formal overtures to him last July, appointing him as a social security adviser on the

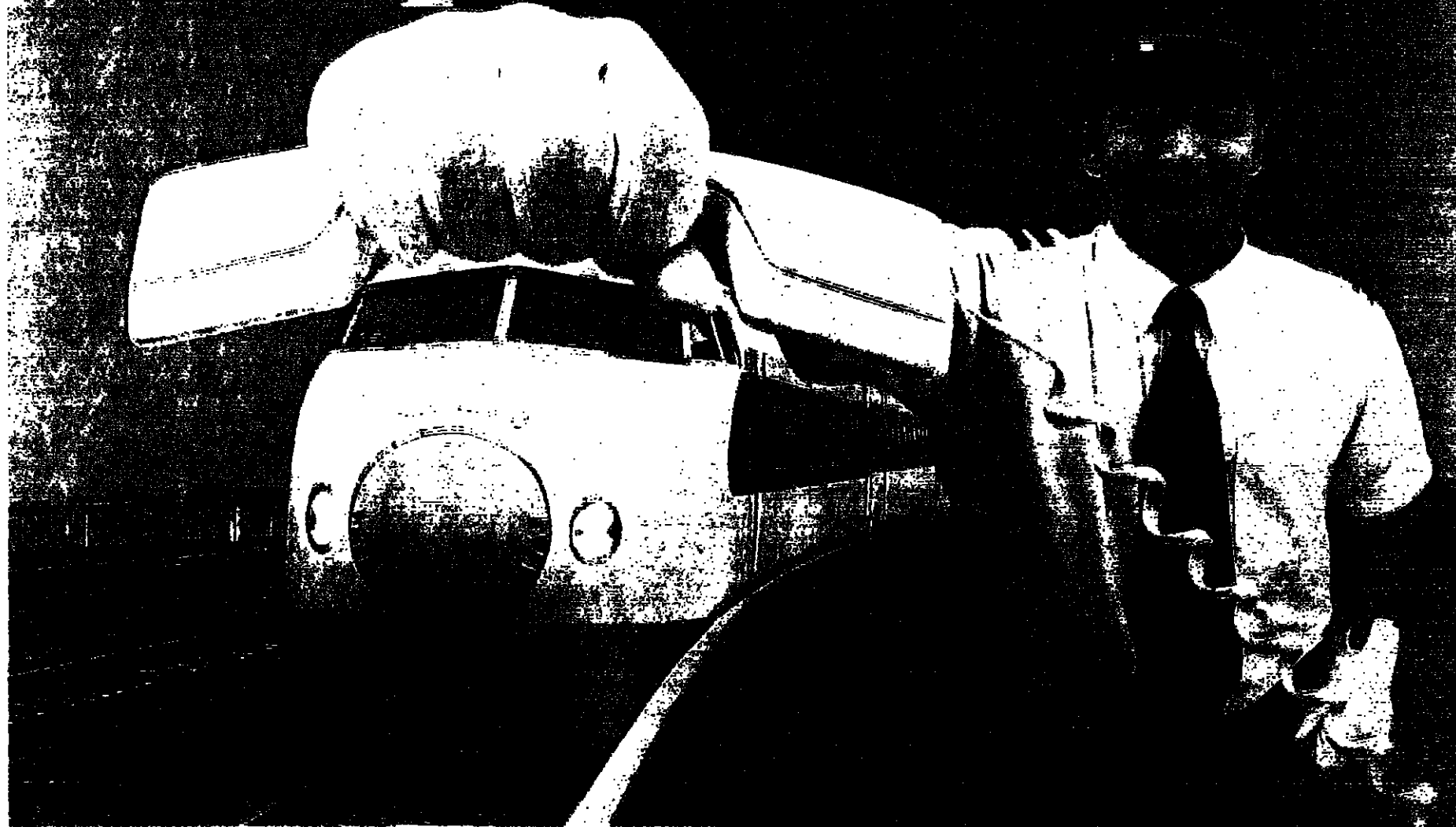
welfare to work programme, rather than giving him frontbench job.

A social policy expert who is prepared to speak his mind, Mr Field has chaired the Commons social security select committee for the past six years and had studied almost every aspect of the £90 billion welfare programme.

Last autumn he unveiled his plans for a "stakeholders' welfare" which included big increases in National Insurance contributions to fund the NHS, a new care pension to finance long-term care for the elderly, and insurance against unemployment.

Labour sources insisted that Mr Field's blueprint would not be implemented but his ideas would be seriously studied. In the shorter term he and Ms Harman will implement plans to help single mothers into work and get the poorest pensioners to take up their benefit entitlement. Other medium-term areas could include merging benefits and integrating tax and benefits.

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# Social stars shine again in Mountbatten movies

By ALEXANDRA FREAN

A UNIQUE collection of home movies of the Mountbatten family, depicting Britain's upper class at play between the wars, has been discovered after nearly 60 years of neglect. The collection of around 30 films captures intimate family moments shared by Lord Mountbatten of Burma and his wife Edwina, her sister Mary and Mary's husband Captain Alec "Bobbie" Cunningham-Reid, and many famous friends. The list of friends featured in the hol-

day films reads like a Who's Who of the inter-war years, including the actors Douglas Fairbanks, Vivienne Leigh and Charlie Chaplin and the politicians Neville Chamberlain and Rab Butler. Also seen are Oswald Mosley, sunning himself on a deckchair in the South of France, and a very young Barbara Cartland.

The real star of the films, however, is Edwina Mountbatten. A strong and beautiful woman, she becomes a complete coquette in front of the camera. In one sequence she is filmed putting on her make-up and plucking her eyebrows in front of a mirror, giving knowing glances towards the camera.

Edwina, who became a millionaire as a very young woman when her grandfather died, went on to forge a distinguished career as a social welfare worker in service with the Order of St John. The home movies are a glimpse into the impish side of her character, rarely seen in public.

The films were shot with a 16mm camera by Cunningham-Reid, an MP who went



Moving memories: Edwina Mountbatten plucks her eyebrows on film. The camera also captured impromptu performances from Lady Mosley and Vivienne Leigh



Earl Mountbatten

on to become chairman of the Royal Shakespeare Company. Not only did he know the rich and famous, he also travelled to locations rarely captured on film in the first half of the century. He filmed a Jewish market in the Warsaw ghetto and street scenes in Moscow in the 1930s.

The films were found by Cunningham-Reid's widow

and passed on to his granddaughter, Fiona, a documentary film-maker living in Australia.

Ms Cunningham-Reid said she did not think that the films had been shown in their entirety for nearly 60 years. None has been shown in public. She had spent a week watching them in growing excitement. "My grandfather

fancied himself as a film-maker. He used to edit all his home movies and had a cinema at home where he would bore to death anyone who visited the house by making them watch the films," she said.

Ms Cunningham-Reid has deposited the films with the archive company Film Images and is now, using the

footage, is planning to make a documentary film about her grandparents' lives.

Linda Kaye of the National Film and Television Archives said that home movies featuring well-known public figures filled in many of the gaps in the history books.

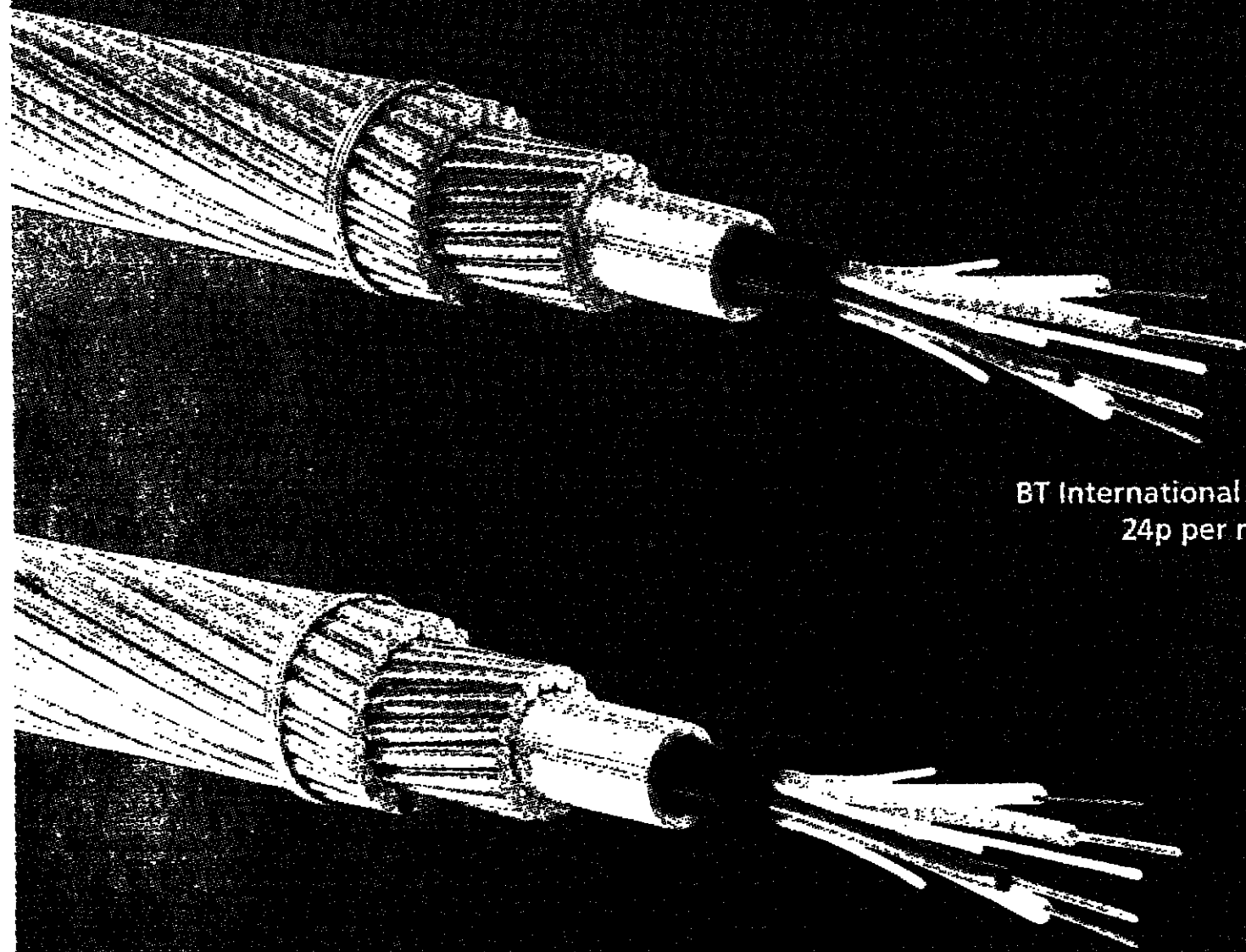
"Films such as these provide a window on the social life and manners of the time.

Even if you have written documentation of somebody's life or their holidays, you do not get a full picture of what they were really like," she said.

"With moving images you get a different picture — their body language, their demeanour and their expressions tell you something about the kind of person they

were." Home cine cameras and projectors did not become widely available until the 1920s, when both Pathe and Kodak produced models. These were very expensive — the early Kodak models cost \$335 — and tended to be playthings only of the rich. Home movie cameras did not become a mass-market product until the 1950s and 1960s.

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## Ringo birthplace could be listed

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE abandoned terrace house looks more likely to be listed than listed. Number 9 Madryn Street, in Toxteth, Liverpool, has corrugated iron nailed over its single downstairs front window, a leaky roof, smashed lavatory and crumbling ceilings.

However, it could become the first birthplace of a living person to be protected as a listed building of historical interest. That person was Richard Starkey, born in 1940, better known as Ringo Starr, drummer with The Beatles.

The house was sold at auction for £13,200 in March. The new owner, Cliff Cooper, who bought it unseen, says: "It's in a terrible state, but the aim is to get it listed." Martin Cherry, English Heritage's head of listing, said yesterday:

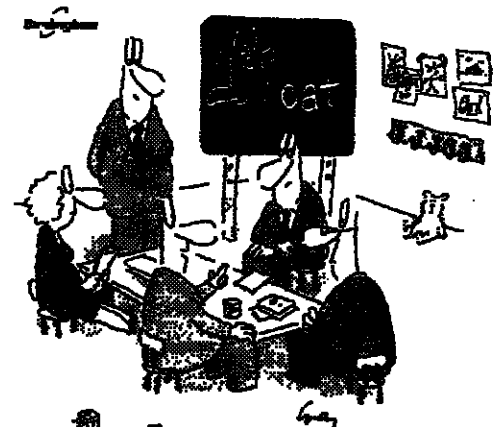
"The impact of The Beatles on late 20th century British culture is so huge, we would look at it very seriously indeed. Since it raises a particular issue, to commemorate people who are still alive, we would probably take it to one of our internal committees."

Mr Cooper, managing director of World of Music shops, wants to rent out the house where the child Ringo sheltered from air raids in a cupboard under the stairs. He plans to renovate it and place a tourist plaque on an outside wall showing its significance, but says the rent won't reflect its history.

In 1995, the National Trust bought the Liverpool house where Sir Paul McCartney grew up, and plans to open it to the public.



Street of fame: 9 Madryn Street, right



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## DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

## World's cameras poised for the final photocall

MORE cameras than ever confronted the Princess of Wales in life will follow her to her final resting place tomorrow.

Television crews have been flown in from networks around the world and all have reporters and cameras positioned along the procession route. The pictures will be beamed into space and back again to be commented on in 100 tongues.

An estimated 25 billion people will see the event in countries from Latin America to the Far East. Only Antarctica will have no coverage.

The biggest televised event in history has brought the world's media into the Royal Family's back yard. On the right hand side of The Mall, as one faces Buckingham Palace, a fenced village has sprung up on the fringes of Green Park.

From a distance, the inhab-

## Damian Whitworth visits the global village set up for the foreign media

itants of the compound sound like a cosmopolitan community of travellers, jabbering in dozens of languages. But their tents and vans bristle with hi-tech television wizardry, rather than mangy dogs and bare-footed children. They have constructed platforms, even studios with windows, on scaffolding overlooking the Palace.

One camera, on a 200ft hydraulic arm, breaks through the leafy canopy to provide a pigeon's eye-view of the throngs laying flowers below. Yesterday, many mourners turned around to press against the fence and take their own pictures as presenters of every hue put on their make-up and broadcast to their nations.

Many of those watching

the cameras watching them found themselves being interviewed about the sad event. Staff from one television station took to carrying a sign: "Any Canadians?"

For pictures of the ceremony the foreign networks will have to rely on the BBC and ITN, which have 19 cameras installed within Westminster Abbey and will supply the rest of the world. The BBC alone is deploying 300 staff, 100 cameras and 22 outside broadcast units for the day. The pictures will be relayed from the BBC's mobile control centre, a huge lorry parked in the street outside the abbey.

Big American networks such as CBS will also be beaming live transmissions from the Royal Palaces. Dan

Rather, the CBS's anchorman, will speak to his audience from a studio near Tower Hill.

John Paxson, deputy bureau chief in London, said: "We will be covering the funeral continuously starting one hour before and running until about an hour after the event has concluded. We have more than 100 people working on our coverage."

Michael Hill, an NBC reporter, said he had lost track of the size of his network's operation. "We have got hundreds here in London and in Paris. The interest in this story back home is astounding - bigger than the royal wedding."

All four big American networks - ABC, NBC, CBS and Fox - plan live coverage. Most of Australia's 18 million population are expected to watch because the 11am funeral falls at the peak viewing time of 8pm in



World news: an American television journalist delivering her report yesterday from inside the compound

Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane and at 5pm in Perth.

In Britain, 25 million viewers are expected to watch. The Princess's wedding to the Prince of Wales in 1981 attracted 200 million viewers

worldwide. The previous biggest television audience was two billion for the 1994 Italy v Brazil World Cup final.

Some smaller foreign stations will rely on live pictures from British companies and

have sent just one crew to compile background reports. However, Macarena Pulgredon, the only reporter here from Chile's Channel 13, said that there was huge interest in South American countries.

"The funeral will be very early in the morning in Chile but it will be shown live. This story is leading all the bulletins back home."

Additional reporting by Carol Midgley.



Earl Spencer: telephoned the editors personally

## Brother asks editors of tabloids to stay away

By JOANNA BALE

EARL SPENCER has asked the editors of British tabloid newspapers not to attend the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, although many had already accepted invitations from Buckingham Palace.

The editors agreed to the request by the brother of the Princess after he telephoned them yesterday to explain that he did not want them at the ceremony at Westminster Abbey. He said that broadsheet editors were still welcome.

A statement issued by the earl's press office said yesterday: "Lord Spencer has personally asked the tabloid editors not to come because he and his sisters, particularly Diana, would not have wished them to be there. They have kindly agreed to the request. Although broadsheet and regional papers are welcome."

A spokesman for Piers Morgan, Editor of *The Mirror*, who had already accepted his invitation from the Lord Chamberlain's Office at Buckingham Palace, said: "The earl rang on behalf of the family requesting that we abstain ourselves from the funeral. We are obviously accepting his request."

"We did not realise he was allowing the broadsheets. When he spoke to us this morning, he said it applied to all national newspapers, and that the only people going were Diana's personal friends."

Phil Walker, Editor of the *Daily Star*, accepted a verbal invitation from the Lord Chamberlain's Office on Wednesday. The earl telephoned his office yesterday morning. He said: "He spoke to my PA and asked us not to attend. Of course, he is Diana's brother and if he doesn't want me to go, I won't go. It would be unthinkable."

"The way she died was

awful and it has made us all think about our particular roles. However, she had a special relationship with the *Daily Star* because we helped in a lot of charity events and she came to our Gold Star awards to make a special presentation earlier this year. We were to have had lunch together later this month."

"Maybe he doesn't appreciate that she had personal contact with many editors who helped her, including myself."

Asked whether he thought the earl was unfairly blaming the media, Mr Walker replied: "I think the earl is expressing his grief at the circumstances surrounding her death. He himself has been the victim of newspaper stories that have not been helpful to him."

A spokesman for Associated Newspapers, which owns the *Daily Mail* and *The Mail on Sunday*, confirmed that its chairman, Sir David English, who was a friend of the Princess, was still invited.

A spokesman for Richard Addis, Editor of *The Express*, said: "He will not be making any comment. He has not spoken to the press all week."

Jane Reed, corporate affairs director of News International, said in a statement: "Stuart Higgins, Editor of *The Sun*, was surprised and honoured that he had received an invitation to the funeral, which he accepted. Lord Spencer contacted his office and asked that he not attend as a mark of respect to the Princess. Mr Higgins was happy to comply."

"Phil Hall, Editor of the *News of the World*, was planning to send a representative. He too is happy to respect the earl's wishes."

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said: "We are making no comment on this. It is a matter for Lord Spencer."

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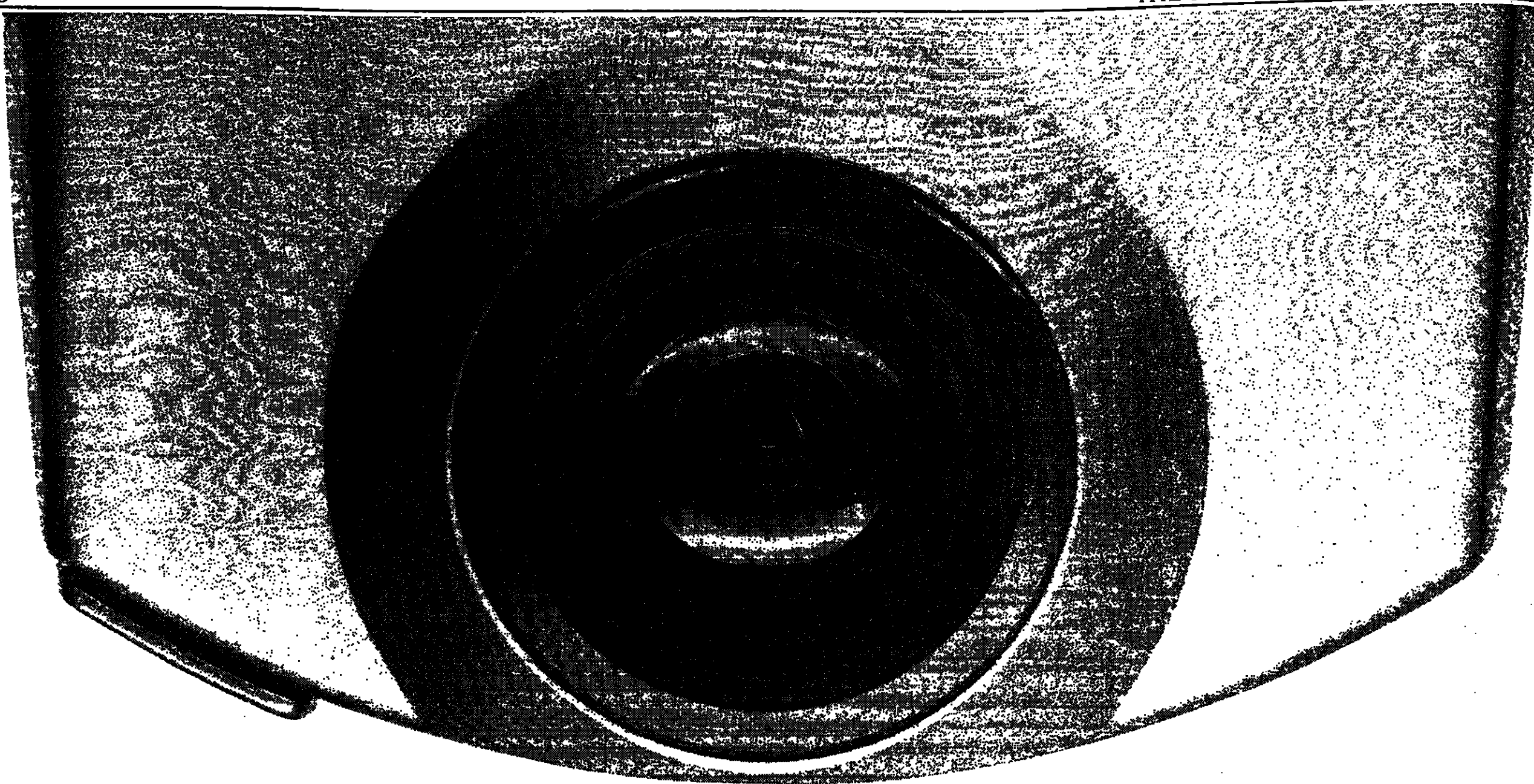
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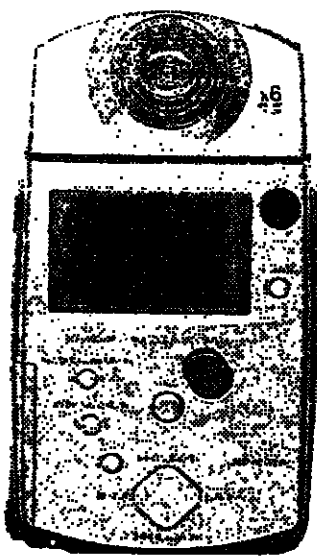
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# Blair vows to raise standards in 5,000 schools

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

TONY BLAIR set his Government the task of raising standards in the worst 5,000 state schools at a second meeting on education held yesterday at Downing Street.

The two-hour seminar, attended by 50 head teachers and education specialists, including five ministers, laid the ground for an autumn campaign on school performance. Public consultation on the Government's plans will begin next week with a series of regional conferences.

Mr Blair is anxious to reassert education's place at the top of the agenda after a summer of political setbacks. Yesterday's meeting was one of the few diary engagements to be retained since the death of the Princess of Wales.

The Prime Minister told his guests that the death of the Princess was "something more profound than anything I can remember in the totality of my life". But he said ministers thought it right to continue with the discussion on how to improve education.

The group, which included David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, and Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, discussed four themes, starting with action on the bottom 20 per cent of schools. Mr Blair also stressed the need to further stretch children of average ability, who lagged behind those of many other countries.

The remainder of the morning was devoted to proposals to raise the motivation and performance of teachers, and strengthen the role of the head teacher. Mr Blair said: "The one thing that most of us know as parents is that the leader-

ship in a school is as important as any other single component in whether that school succeeds or fails."

Ministers said they wanted to breed a "culture of success" in state education. Head teachers at the summit were chosen mainly for their experience in raising performance in comprehensives and ordinary primary schools.

William Atkinson, head teacher of the Phoenix High School, in Hammersmith, West London, who gave a first-hand account of rescuing a failing school, said: "I was extremely impressed with the level of genuine commitment and concern demonstrated by the Prime Minister and other ministers. I leave this meeting charged up and enthusiastic about the crusade ahead."

The renamed Phoenix School, which has produced much improved results since its predecessor closed, is seen as a model for Labour's "Fresh

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Start" scheme for those facing closure. Fifteen schools have been given until the end of the month to convince Mr Blunkett that they have improved sufficiently to be spared similar action.

A spokesman for the Department for Education and Employment said the summit did not focus on the lowest achievers. Ministers were anxious to discuss the more common problems affecting hundreds of underperforming schools.

Mr Woodhead said there had been a consensus at the meeting that the quality of teaching and leadership were

the main determinants of a school's performance. He said: "The Government recognises that it must produce initiatives which focus on those two areas."

Professor Peter Mortimore, Director of the London University Institute of Education, said: "This was mostly a symbolic occasion. People were conscious that, this week of all weeks, to devote two hours to the issues demonstrated a real commitment on the part of the Prime Minister."

The meeting came as further evidence emerged of a developing recruitment crisis in the teaching profession. Following yesterday's evidence of a sharp rise in vacancies for head teachers and deputies, research reported in today's *Times Educational Supplement* shows that schools have found difficulty in filling almost a quarter of all classroom jobs.

A survey carried out in conjunction with Brunel University's Centre for Education and Employment Research found that almost one in five secondary teaching posts attracted three applicants or fewer. More than a third of secondary schools and a fifth of primaries had cut their staffing to stay within budget.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, which produced yesterday's survey, said more good graduates had to be attracted into teaching for the Government's plans to work. "Unless we have these people in position, it is no use Tony Blair saying we can drive up standards and ignore the recruitment crisis we are facing at the present time."



Gordon Spence, whose personal computer beat the world's supercomputers with a record prime number that fills 173 pages of A4

## Calculation finds Briton in his prime

By NICK NUTTALL

A BRITISH researcher using his own personal computer has set the world record for calculating a prime number.

Gordon Spence, an information technology manager, has beaten the world's supercomputers by identifying a prime number 959,932 digits long. It more than doubles the record set last year by a Frenchman and American who calculated one of 420,921 digits.

Mr Spence said yesterday: "If you tried to print my new number it

would cover 450 pages of a paperback book. If you spent eight hours a day reading it out in normal speech, it would take you a month."

Prime numbers can be divided only by one or by themselves. Although there are eight in the first 20 numbers — 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17 and 19 — they become more and more elusive among the higher numbers. Mr Spence's also has the distinction of being the 36th known Mersenne prime number. These numbers, named after a 17th century French monk who thought there were ten and tried to calculate them, equal

two multiplied many times by itself, minus one.

The latest number, 2,976,221 minus 1, took the computer 15 hours to calculate. Mr Spence, 38, who lives near Aldermaston in Berkshire and works for Thorn Microwave Devices in Hayes, West London, said: "It is now chugging away trying to find a new one."

The world record marks another victory for David against Goliath. The 34th Mersenne prime number was calculated in September 1996 by a supercomputer in America. But the 35th and 36th have come from a

program set up by George Woltman of Orlando, Florida, to prove that personal computer users can do just as well.

Mr Woltman, who with Joel Armengaud of Paris calculated the previous longest prime number, has launched the Great Internet Mersenne Prime Search over the computer highway. It has so far pooled the processing power of more than 2,000 enthusiasts and their PCs around the world. "By using a large number of small computers, we negate the supercomputer's speed advantage," Mr Woltman said.

## Crusade condemned as waste of public money

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

TONY Blair's education crusade is a waste of taxpayers' money and will have little effect on standards, a leading economist said yesterday.

Long-term studies showed teaching methods, class sizes and homework policies, all central to the Prime Minister's school programme, had no impact on achievement, said Dr Peter Robinson, a research officer at the Centre for Economic Performance.

There was also little evidence that nursery education benefited children, according to national surveys of attainments by all those born in one week in 1958 and 1970, he said.

Dr Robinson, based at the London School of Economics, said in his paper, *Literacy, Numeracy and Economic Performance*, that the two surveys showed the importance for educational achievement of social status, including the background of peer-group pupils. The only other significant factor was parental involvement.

"The single most important policy to boost literacy and numeracy at the bottom end of achievement would be a serious attack on child poverty," Dr Robinson said. "If Labour is thinking it should put resources into education, then clearly the best buy is putting

it into addressing socio-economic disadvantage rather than the education system."

He added: "There is no evidence of any impact on attainment in literacy and numeracy of things such as primary school class size, teaching methods, whether a school has a homework policy, whether a school streams or sets its pupils, or pre-school education."

Dr Robinson, who upset the educational establishment early this year with a scathing attack on vocational qualifications, added that government education targets failed to help the 12 per cent of children who gained no qualifications.

## Sinn Fein 'will soon be richest EU party'

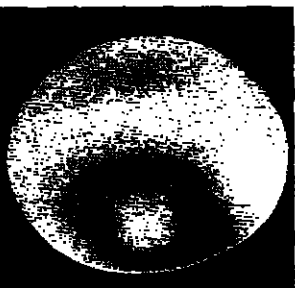
FROM MARTIN FLETCHER

SINN FEIN would soon be the wealthiest political party in the European Union, a prominent Irish-American lobbyist said yesterday after the political wing of the IRA raised \$250,000 (£155,000) from a \$500-a-head dinner at New York's Waldorf Astoria hotel last night.

Sinn Fein's participation in the peace process and 20 years of British demonisation had made its leaders superstars in Irish America. Father Sean McManus, head of the Irish National Caucus in Washington, told BBC Northern Ireland. He said that party would raise many millions of dollars in the coming years.

Sinn Fein has collected \$1.5 million (£931,000) in the United States since March 1995. Gerry Adams, the party leader, and Martin McGuinness, its chief negotiator, will boost that figure to almost \$2 million during this week's visit.

The money pays for a formidable, well-staffed political machine that cultivates grassroots support through a network of advice centres in Northern Ireland's nationalist communities, and brings out old and new supporters in large numbers on polling days. By contrast, the Provisional IRA's other parties run shoe-string operations largely dependent on their MPs' research and staff allowances.



Vesta's shadowed crater

## Asteroid Vesta reveals its big impact

By NIGEL HAWKES

A CRATER bigger than England and eight miles deep has been found on an asteroid named Vesta that is hardly any bigger than the hole.

The crater, which is 285 miles in diameter, was found by the Hubble Space Telescope, and is reported in today's issue of *Science*. Vesta itself is potato-shaped and about 330 miles in diameter.

"When I saw the raw pictures from the telescope, it was like, 'Wow!'" says Dr Peter Thomas of Cornell University. The discovery explains why Vesta is trailed through space by smaller asteroids — fragments broken off by the impact. Many of those fragments must have fallen on Earth. Vesta is believed to be one origin of a type of meteorite containing basaltic rocks similar to those that cover ocean floors. They form 6 per cent of all the meteorites that fall on Earth.

## £470,000 benefit fraudsters are jailed

By RICHARD DUCE

FIVE immigrants were jailed yesterday for a child-benefit fraud which earned £470,000. The fiddle is thought to have been the biggest of its kind.

Over two years, the gang claimed for 68 non-existent children on bogus birth certificates purporting to be from Cameroon, in west Africa. They provided different addresses to receive the benefit cheques, and then had the mail redirected to their homes in east London.

They were able to work the fraud because any child of any nationality resident in the UK is entitled to benefit after six months. The benefit is not means tested. Although the five were originally from the former Zaire, three are seeking asylum and the two now hold Belgian passports.

Jailing them for between 12 months to 21 months at Snaresbrook Crown Court, Judge Simon Wilkinson said: "Only an immediate custodial sentence can be justified." He made no recommendation on deportation. The status of the asylum seekers is still to be assessed.

### CORRECTION

Keith Moyle, who died in a car crash in April (report, June 7) was a passenger in the vehicle, not the driver.

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# New strain of bubonic plague resists antibiotics



The Black Death wiped out a quarter of the Continent's population from 1348 to 1349

Experts are concerned over the case of a sufferer not cured by the usual drugs, Ian Murray writes

A NEW strain of bubonic plague, resistant to most known cures, has been discovered by French scientists. It shrugs off the antibiotics usually used successfully to treat the illness and, in the laboratory, its resistance to drugs could be transferred easily to other types of plague bacteria. The discovery is "clinically ominous", according to a report of the research published today in *The New England Journal of Medicine*. The ability of other plague bacteria to acquire similar resistance to healing drugs is alarming, the report says. Doctors from the Pasteur

Institute in Paris isolated the drug-resistant strain from specimens taken from a 16-year-old boy who developed plague in Madagascar two years ago. Although the boy eventually recovered after treatment with streptomycin injections, he had not responded to the cocktail of antibiotics which is the classical therapy for the disease. Another antibiotic mix, containing sulfonamides and tetracycline, which is usually given to people who have been exposed to the disease, also had no effect. The last global pandemic of bubonic plague began in

Hong Kong in 1994, the disease being spread mainly by flea bites. Antibiotics and enforcement of public health measures have significantly decreased the morbidity and mortality associated with the disease, although they have not led to its eradication. The number of cases reported to the World Health Organisation by 24 countries in Africa, the Americas and Asia has increased recently. The average number reported annually in the 1980s has grown to 2,025 cases a year from 861 a year in the 1960s. Antibiotics have cut the death rate to 10 per cent, with most of those



The plague bacterium

infected surviving if the illness is diagnosed early on. The *Journal* says that the dangerous new strain is likely to have been picked up by sewer rats from humans who have become multi-drug resistant. "If resistant strains spread among rodents, the public health implications could be substantial," the report says. "There must be a global effort to strengthen

surveillance... The finding of multi-drug-resistant plague bacterium reinforces the concern... that the threat from the emerging infectious diseases is not to be taken lightly." The *Journal* says that the danger could have gone unnoticed for some time, because many diagnostic laboratories fail to make routine tests to find out if plague victims are drug-resistant. The network of World Health Organisation centres with expertise in plague diagnosis has deteriorated seriously over the past several decades, it says, and it will take considerable time and resources to make them work efficiently again. In 1348-49, the Black Death, the first pandemic of the plague in Europe, wiped out a

quarter of the Continent's population. The Great Plague of 1665 arrived in Britain from the Continent on rats which jumped off ships arriving at Weymouth in Dorset. Villagers then tried in vain to stem the advance of the disease by putting red crosses on victims' doors. These measures proved useless, because the disease was spread around the country by rats, and 70,000 people were killed. The Great Fire of London in 1666 destroyed the unsanitary conditions in which the disease spread and it faded. However, for centuries, plagues continued to return every 15 years or so. The last big outbreak in Europe occurred as recently as 1922.

## Margarine linked to breast cancer

FATS found in biscuits, cakes, pastry and margarine may contribute to the development of breast cancer, a European-wide study has found.

Women with high levels of trans-fatty acids in their bodies have a higher risk of getting the disease, the study shows. The fats in the body reflect those in the diet, so the implication is that a high intake of trans-fatty acids — examples of which are French fries, processed snack foods, bakery products and "hard" margarine — increases the risk.

The study is part of a project called Euramc — the European Community Multicentre Study on Antioxidants, Myocardial Infarction and Breast Cancer. Tiny fat samples were taken from 698 women between the ages of 50 and 74, and the amounts of different types of fat analysed.

The results, published in the *Journal of Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers and Prevention*, shows that women with high levels of trans-fatty acids have about a 40 per cent higher risk of getting breast cancer.

The risks were greatest in women who said that they had low intakes of polyunsaturated fats, but showed high levels of

Women with high levels of trans-fatty acids, which are found in cakes, have a 40 per cent higher risk of developing the disease, Nigel Hawkes reports

trans-fats. In this group, the risk was three and a half times greater than in women who do eat significant amounts of polyunsaturated fats.

Trans-fats are modified versions of polyunsaturated fats, created by the chemical process of hydrogenation. The process of hydrogenation, which turns oils into spreadable fats, creates trans-fatty acids. The harder manufacturers want the fats to be, the more hydrogenation is needed and hence the more trans-fatty acids are present in the final product. The process is used to harden vegetable and fish oils so that they can be turned into margarine.

The British average intake of trans-fats is about four to six grammes a day, but levels of up to 25-30g are possible, particularly among those who use cheaper margarines and eat a lot of processed foods.

The harder the margarine, the more trans-fats it is likely to contain. The Committee on the Medical Aspects of Food Policy recommended in 1994 that consideration should be given to cutting the amounts of trans-fats in the British diet.

Previous studies have shown that in some respects trans-fatty acids behave like saturated fats, and they have been linked to an increased risk of heart disease. But earlier results from the Euramc study, published in 1995, failed to confirm this.

Typically, says Lenore Kohlmeier of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, an author of the study, trans-fats are found in biscuits and cakes, bakery products, margarines, and processed snack foods. Because the study directly measured the amount of different fats in women's bodies, it avoided the

problem of asking volunteers what they had eaten, which can be a source of error.

"This work, because it is the first to show a significant association between breast cancer and trans-fatty acids, needs to be confirmed by other studies," she said. "Still, we think it is important because so many women are at risk of breast cancer, and there are so few factors, especially dietary factors, known to reduce the risk."

Dr Kohlmeier said that it was interesting that women with high levels of trans-fats and low level of polyunsaturated fats had the highest risk. "This suggests that there might be an interaction between the two types of fat, such as competition at the molecular level resulting in polyunsaturated fats having a protective effect."

Among the spreadable fats, butter contains about 3 per cent of trans-fats, and margarines between 10 and 12 per cent, with the harder margarines containing more. High polyunsaturated margarines contain about 7 per cent, though some make a point of having much lower levels, or none at all. Low fat spreads contain 4 per cent, and very low fat spreads 2 per cent.



Students yesterday at Dundee College, which has a strong reputation for dance

## £2.3m lottery grant has Scots dancing for joy

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH

SCOTLAND is hoping to stop its most talented dancers heading south to England to pursue their careers with the announcement of £2.3 million funding for a Contemporary Dance and Theatre Centre at Dundee College. The lottery grant from the Scottish Arts Council meets half the cost of the new centre, which will offer students professional dance training in Scotland for the

first time. The centre will also provide the country with its first purpose-built 200-seater dance performance space. At present, dancers completing their foundation year at Dundee College must go to England for professional training. Designs for the centre, which will also incorporate a regional dance agency to provide an innovative programme of performance, art, almost complete. Further funding has been pledged by the college and

Scottish Enterprise Tayside, but the project will depend on a successful application to the European Regional Development Fund. The centre will include a Scottish School of Contemporary Dance. Dundee already has a strong reputation for dance, being home to the only revenue-funded contemporary dance company, Scottish Dance Theatre, and offering the only full-time training course, a one-year foundation in contemporary dance.

## Hormonal problems linked to removal of ovaries

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

THE case brought by the journalist Caroline Richmond against her consultant gynaecologist, who, it was claimed, had performed a hysterectomy without her full consent, has drawn attention to the advantages, and disadvantages, of hysterectomies.

Even when the ovaries are not removed at the time of the hysterectomy, the trauma to them during the operation often has an effect on their function. Patients who have had a hysterectomy, or have been sterilised, may find that their reproductive cycle has been affected. After a hysterectomy the menopause is apt to be earlier; after sterilisation, periods may, in a small but significant minority, be appreciably altered — sometimes they are lighter, more frequently heavier. A concern of doctors has been

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that the hormonal changes which can be induced by a hysterectomy might also increase the likelihood of developing cancer in other parts of the body.

The medical journal *Monitor* has recently reviewed the evidence, including that of a large survey in Finland reported in the *Journal of Epidemiology*. The overall risk of developing non-genital cancer in women who had a hysterectomy was 5 per cent higher than in those who remained intact. The only significant increases were in cancer of the thyroid and of the rectum.

Why cancer of the rectum should be common was unexplained, but as this disease is diagnosed more frequently in men there could be a hormonal factor in its development.

The commentators, however, explain that there is a biologically plausible connection between hysterectomy and cancer of the thyroid as there are oestrogen-sensitive receptors in the thyroid gland, and increased levels of thyroid-stimulating hormone, which may enhance the growth of thyroid tumours, are secreted by the pituitary gland after removal of the ovaries or damage to the blood supply.

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## 'Frozen burger' injuries increase

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

FROZEN beefburgers, crumpets and sausages are responsible for a growing number of domestic accidents, some of them serious.

Known by doctors as "frozen burger injury", the accident occurs when people try to separate stacked frozen food items with a sharp knife. The knife slips and jabs into, the hand holding the frozen food. A study published in the *British Medical Journal* today says that GPs and hospitals are treating an increasing number of people with their palms and fingers slashed, tendons lacerated, nerves cut and bones damaged.

Stewart Flemming, consultant hand and plastic surgeon

at St Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, Essex, writes: "The data from the home accident surveillance system suggest the injury is common." Up to 21 per cent of the 3.5 million patients treated annually for trauma have hand injuries. Many of those injuries are believed to have been caused while separating frozen food.

The average time off work from a hand injury is three weeks. Tendons take months to heal and nerve damage is often permanent. The report says that although the injured person may be mainly at fault, manufacturers could help to avoid injury by freezing items individually, using non-stick film between layers.

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# How compass pointed to sunken treasure

A FAINT inscription on a ship's compass led to the discovery of a Scottish vessel's treasure trove and a £250,000 auction to be held in London next month.

It was found by Julian Cope, 35, a member of a team searching for the *General Abbateucci*. She sank with the loss of 54 lives only hours after colliding with a Norwegian ship off Corsica on May 6 1869.

The *Times* later reported: "The captain and 54 persons were saved and have been brought to Leghorn almost naked, the accident having occurred early in the morning when most of them were in their berths."

The compass was stamped McGregor of Greenock, a well-known local supplier of marine instruments. The team had a full list of the original equipment fitted to the 282-ton ship when she was built by Scott & Sons of Glasgow in 1857.

The discovery of the compass last May by the Surrey-

Sale of gold jewellery from Scottish ship lost in 1869 will raise £250,000 at auction, reports John Shaw

based salvage firm Blue Water Recoveries, after a 32-day search of 1,000 square miles of seabed, was confirmed a few days later when a plate was brought up with the logo of the vessel's French owners.

The team began a salvage operation which recovered 130 English sovereigns, in mint condition, struck between 1838-1868, and other gold coins from America, France and Italy. The bulk of the haul was gold jewellery.

Some pieces are still encrusted with seabed debris but other items look startlingly modern. The valuables will be sold at Christie's on October 7. Other artefacts from the wreck to be auctioned include china plates, candlesticks, soup tureens, watches, thimbles, clay pipes, wine

glasses and bottles of 128-year-old champagne.

The *Abbateucci* had set sail from Marseilles, her home port, on a routine run for Italy. She was carrying 1.5 million French francs destined for the Vatican, together with gifts for the birthday of Pope Pius IX on May 18.

But the voyage was short-lived. The vessel was holed below the water line and went down within two hours. A subsequent inquiry found that the crew had failed to keep a proper look-out.

Blue Water Recoveries, based in Haslemere, began a search for the wreck in April last year. The team was looking for a clue on the rocky seabed that would positively identify the *Abbateucci*.

But the underwater sonar equipment failed and on the surface a two-day storm was forecast. At the last moment, the compass and binnacle were spotted, a few feet in front of the underwater camera. The vessel was found 2,750 metres down.

Mr Cope, the team's research manager, said: "The faint inscription of the instrument-maker came to light as I was rinsing the verdigris away with fresh water. It was a moment of pure relief and elation."

However, the salvage company believes it has missed the main haul. Gwilym Ashworth, finance director of Blue Water Recoveries, said yesterday: "We were going for the main gold cargo. Also, there was pay for French soldiers. But we couldn't find either and ended up with the jewellery."

Mr Ashworth added: "We certainly won't make any money on the project. The whole operation must have cost £1 million."



Items recovered from the *Abbateucci* included 128-year-old bottles of champagne, wine glasses and carafes

## New Britain puts its faith in looks and possessions

By ALEXANDRA FREAN, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

LIFE at the end of the 20th century is less predictable, more time-pressured and less secure than ever, according to a survey of attitudes and lifestyles.

The study by researchers at the University of Leeds portrays a society riddled by mistrust and cynicism, and longing for spiritual or other-worldly comfort. The majority of the 8,000 adults questioned said that they did not trust other people, and they believed that businesses did not care about the community, the environment or individual customers.

They are convinced that the gap between the rich and poor is growing, they deride television advertising as devious, and they claim they never have sufficient time to do everything. The notion of a "job for life" is dismissed, and most have no respect for political leaders.

More than half believe that the National Lottery has made people more greedy. Bereft of employment security and increasingly detached from traditional faith in religion, people appear to have elevated material objects and physical appearance virtually to objects of faith.

More than 61 per cent place their faith in familiar brand names of products, and the same proportion say that it is important to look good if you want to get on in life.

Sheila Byfield, of the adver-

tising agency Ogilvy and Mather, which helped to fund the research, said that it showed the emergence of four distinct social categories of people, defined not by their income or social status but by their opinions and attitudes: the powerless Resisters, the fashion-following Embracers, the liberal Pragmatists and the more content Traditionalists.

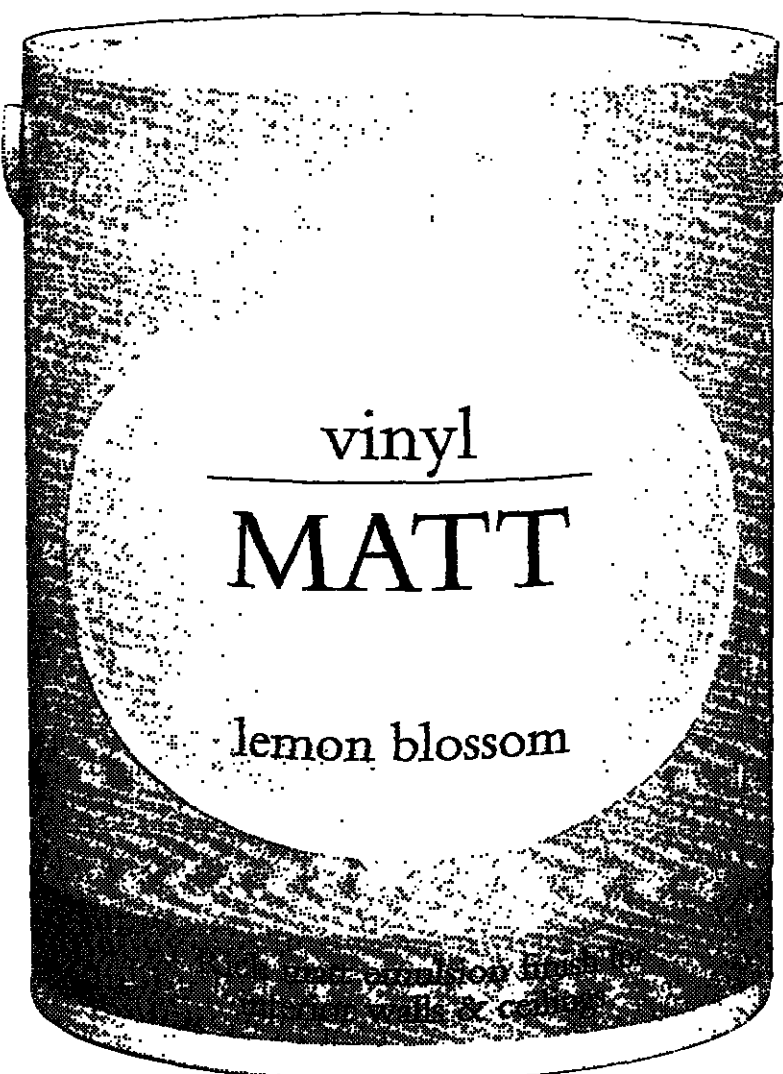
Ms Byfield said that these four groups cut across the traditional social and economic class groups used by sociologists and economists. Identifying them could help companies wanting to understand how consumers will react to new products and concepts.

With the emergence of an increasingly materialistic, insecure and fast-moving environment, Ms Byfield said that there appeared to be a longing for spiritual understanding. Religious belief had declined but people believed increasingly in the paranormal: half believe in telepathy and 55 per cent in second sight, 67 per cent believe there is some truth in astrology, and 15 per cent believe that abduction by aliens is possible.

"People are still looking for explanations for things. Once they used to explain things through God, but now they turn to other more quirky things," she said.

"People do need something to believe in."

## September's Big Deals.



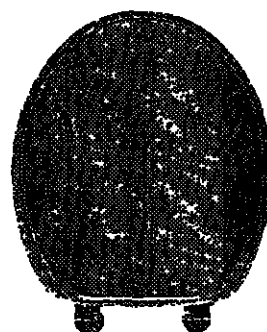
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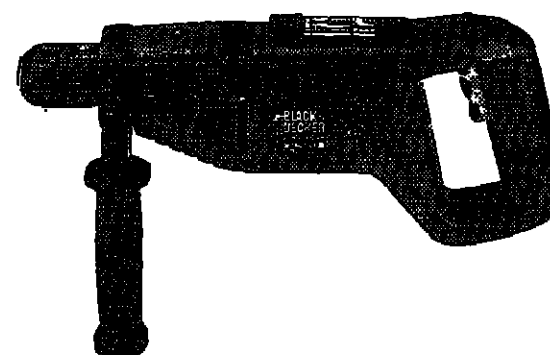
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### THE RESISTORS

The Resistors, who represent the single largest group in society, 36 per cent, are the least happy with their lot, believing that life has passed them by. Most have a sense of powerlessness about their lives, are prejudiced against homosexuals, dis-

like anything foreign and are uncharitable. They have low self-esteem and do not care what happens abroad, as long as Britain is all right. More than half of them said they would be lost without television, and 30 per cent have a strong belief in horoscopes.

### THE EMBRACERS

At the other end of the scale from Resistors are the Embracers, who represent 27 per cent of society. They are the successors to Yuppies. Most are young professionals who have embraced new technology enthusiastically and like to be seen with the latest and most fashionable mobile phone or laptop computer. They have the lowest level of social conscience. Only one third of them think it is their responsibility to help people worse off than themselves.

### THE PRAGMATISTS

Pragmatists, who make up 22 per cent of society, have a strong social conscience and are likely to become actively involved in helping others. They do not treat new technology as a fashion accessory, as do the Embracers, but as a tool

that can make their lives easier. More than 77 per cent of them think that people watch too much television and most have liberal views about the media. They are concerned about screen violence but have few objections to nudity.

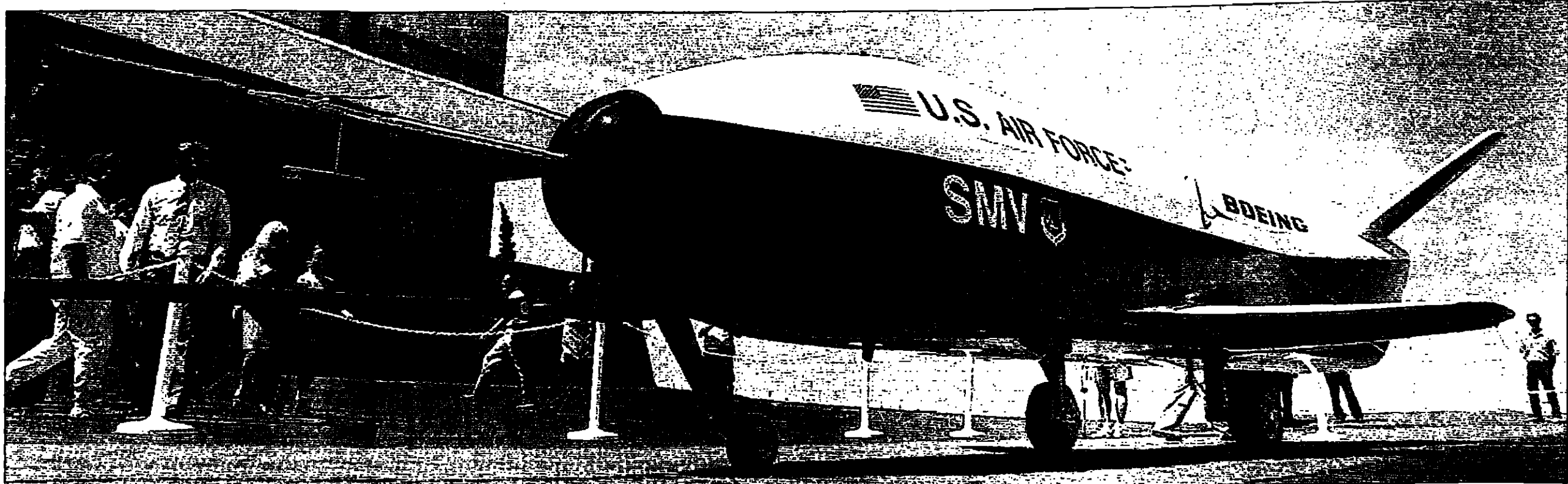
### THE TRADITIONALISTS

Finally, the researchers have identified the most content group, the Traditionalists, who represent 15 per cent of society but who seem to be a dying breed. They believe strongly in helping others with 85 per cent believing that it is everyone's responsibility to put something back into the community, and 63 per cent thinking they should help people worse off than themselves. While they have no fear of new technology, they will use it only if it is useful to them. They are the most likely to uphold old-fashioned values and one in five attends church regularly.

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A prototype space vehicle designed to carry out military reconnaissance is unveiled by Boeing and the US Air Force at Seal Beach in California. The crewless Space Manoeuvre Vehicle is also designed to deploy small satellites.

## US Air Force prepares for new space invasion

Boeing developed the spacecraft under a contract with the Air Force, which envisages sending several at a time into space on board a successor to

the space shuttle. The vehicle should be able to fly back to Earth after up to a year in space. "It's essentially a flyable satellite," said Rick Garcia, spokesman at the Air Force's Phillips Laboratory in Arizona. The idea is that the small

spacecraft should be capable of being refitted for a new mission within 72 hours of returning to Earth, he said. The vehicle marks a steadily growing emphasis by the Air Force on space flight, which US military thinkers see

as a strategic area vital to an increasingly hi-tech military machine. The prototype was designed for the first phase of the project, which is to build a space vehicle capable of gliding back to Earth and landing like a plane. It has

no engine, and with a length of 22ft and weight of 2,500lb it is slightly smaller than full size. It will be taken to Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico where it will be towed by a helicopter to an altitude of about 10,000ft and released, said Mike Matthews, a Boeing spokesman.

"Later it will go on airplanes and then maybe launch vehicles for further testing. Ultimately it goes into space and then returns," Mr Matthews said. "You can think of it as a reusable satellite." Testing, scheduled to begin in November, is expected to last about three months. (AFP)

## Corruption and bad driving make Russian roads lethal

FROM RICHARD BESTON  
IN MOSCOW

THE head of Russia's traffic police has confirmed what the nation's motorists have long suspected: that incompetent policing, drink-driving and a sharp rise in the number of cars have turned Russia's roads into some of the most lethal on earth.

General Vladimir Fyodorov, head of the hated GAI traffic police, said in an interview with Tass that his force was losing the battle to control Russia's lawless roads, where traffic offences have doubled in the past five years.

"The GAI failed fully to adapt itself to the present conditions and its influence on the situation is ineffective," he said. "Regarding traffic safety, little attention is paid to the protection of the population." So far this year more than 12,000 people have died on the roads — the population is 150 million — and General Fyodorov concedes that the final toll will probably be more than the annual average, 30,000.

In America, which has a



Moscow at night, its streets jammed with cars owned by the new drivers of the city's emerging middle class

population of 250 million and many more cars, 40,000 die on average each year. In Britain, which has a population a third the size of Russia's, the death toll is just over 3,000.

Russia's problem is not due to a lack of police manpower. First-time visitors to Russia are often shocked by the large number of traffic policemen on the streets. However, most of their time is taken up

fulfilling Soviet-era duties, such as clearing traffic for the limousines of senior bureaucrats, checking documents and imposing "spot fines", which often end up in their pockets.

General Fyodorov said that corruption was a huge problem and that more than 2,500 officers faced disciplinary action at present, mainly for accepting bribes.

In one illustration of incompetent policing, an officer outside the Times office in Moscow recently stepped out into the centre of the seven-lane road at night and stopped a suspected speeding car with

his traffic baton. The car stopped immediately and other vehicles ploughed into it.

Nevertheless, incompetent police work is not the only culprit. Russia's harsh winter conditions also contribute to the accident rate, not to mention the plague of drink-drivers. Part of the problem is the sheer volume of new cars on the streets. Since the collapse of communism, Russia's roads have been flooded with privately owned cars, from the Mercedes and BMWs favoured by the new rich to the cheaper family cars for Russia's emerging middle class.

At the Moscow Motor Show this week, foreign car importers predicted that Russia would become one of the great car markets and several Western manufacturers are planning to open factories here.

The statistics speak for themselves. In 1991, the year the Soviet Union collapsed, private car ownership in Russia stood at nine million. Last year alone a million new cars were sold to private owners and the annual sales figure is expected to treble by the turn of the century.

□ Istanbul: The Turkish authorities appear to have abandoned all hope of reining in a nation of reckless drivers (Andrew Finkel writes). A new directive requires drivers to carry at all times, alongside

the more standard red warning triangle, a hygienic body-bag suitable for transporting a corpse weighing up to 18st 12lb.

The regulation crept into force in the fine print of a Ministry of Health ordinance published last week. Drivers have three months to equip themselves with a PVC body-bag or face a fine and up to six months in jail.

Turkey has the dubious reputation of having one of the worst road safety records in Europe. Yesterday an inter-city coach driver fell asleep at the wheel on the main Istanbul to Ankara road. Among the 33 people who died in the resulting head-on crash were 10 Spanish tourists.

Last year, 5,347 people died on Turkish roads, a figure similar to that of Spain which has more than twice the number of cars. Researchers at Istanbul's Galatasaray University estimate that every year one in every ten cars is involved in some sort of accident. The figure for coaches is one in four.

Many Turks are afraid that having a body-bag in the boot may not improve road safety. "It will give me a nervous breakdown every time I sit behind the wheel," Semih Kacanoglu, head of the Istanbul Automotive Association, said.

## Republican spells out new political language

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

AT LAST, someone has spelled it out: "Newt" is a less than dignified name for one of the most powerful men in the free world.

Call Mr Gingrich by his full title. Speaker of the House of Representatives, urges Frank Luntz, a prominent but controversial Republican consultant, who wants to rewrite conservative vocabulary into the language of victory.

In a 222-page manual entitled *Language of the 21st Century*, which he distributed to all Republican congressmen and senators before the August break, Mr Luntz sets out his belief that the Democratic Devil has had the best tunes. He offers Republicans basic letter-writing tips, sample speeches, and a script for "Going after the President: a two-minute strike".

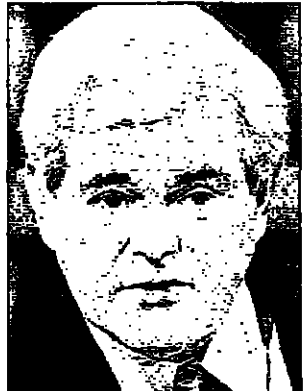
Mr Luntz's crusade, which he is understood to have financed himself, has won mixed reviews on Capitol Hill. But it accurately reflects Republicans' bemusement at the resilience of President Clinton's popularity despite successive scandals, and the Democrats' success in appropriating central Republican policies.

Republicans, terrified at being portrayed as hard-hearted, have seen themselves rendered speechless by the Administration's tactics.

many have conceded. Mr Luntz said yesterday that he embarked on the project after he "watched a problem developing with conservatives, not just in America, but in Britain and Canada". In the US, "we had a language gap and it cost us the presidency. The Tories had a language gap and it cost them Downing Street," he says.

The Tories' slogan "Simply the Best", printed on T-shirts with a picture of John Major, was insane, Mr Luntz believes.

"No one wants to be told that a politician is the best: it's supreme arrogance," he argues. "They should have given a more down to earth message of success."



Gingrich: "Newt is not a dignified name"

Ken Johnson, spokesman for Billy Tauzin, a Republican congressman, said yesterday that the document "shows the importance of words". He added: "Frank has a great way of putting his finger on the pulse of this country. It's true that some of Frank's ideas and methods are very controversial, but he is a lightning rod that tends to attract good ideas, and people tend to listen."

Mr Luntz, 35, one of the draftsmen of the Republicans' *Contract with America*, Mr Gingrich's 1994 manifesto which tried to lay out a radical conservative agenda, was accused later of having overestimated popular support for the contract's revolutionary tone. His acknowledgement that he had failed to carry out polling on its popularity eventually earned him a formal sanction by a pollsters' association.

The core of Republicans' current problem, according to Mr Luntz, is that conservatives have been speaking in philosophical and grandiose terms about government. "Clinton was talking about things that affected ordinary people from the moment they got out of bed in the morning while Bob Dole was talking about government in acronyms they don't even understand in Washington," he says.

## Clint Eastwood's town to stamp out noise of walkers

FROM GILES WHITTALL IN LOS ANGELES

THE exclusive resort of Carmel, where Clint Eastwood lives and was once Mayor, has established itself as the most vigorous defender of peace and quiet on the Californian coast. It has banned walking tours as too noisy.

There is only one licensed tour guide in town. Her groups are never larger than 20 and they stray off public land only when invited. But when her current licence expires she will be subject to arrest thanks to a crackdown by officials fearful that the town will be inundated by sightseers.

Carmel has always been particular about humans in its public places. It has an ordinance, seldom enforced, requiring women to get a permit before wearing high heels. Ken White, the current Mayor, once tried to ban ice cream cones to keep the pavements clean. In the late 1960s, in a bid to scare away hippies, sitting down in the town's parks was outlawed until the Supreme Court ruled that law unconstitutional.

"We'd rather have a quiet town," Mr White explained after the city council vote to ban walking tours. "And there's a quiet way to discover Carmel — on your own."

Gale Wrausmann, the endangered tour guide, is enlisting legal representation by the American Civil Liberties Union, which she hopes will decide her First Amendment right to free speech and association is being violated.

"They've gone way overboard," she said. "Most people here don't have to earn

a living, so they don't think twice about driving someone like me out of business."

Ms Wrausmann, a photographer by training, started offering her two-hour \$15 (£10) tours to pay her rent in a town where a two-bedroom cottage can seldom be bought for under \$500,000.

"I wanted to figure out a way to live here," she said, noting ruefully that Carmel is more tolerant of dogs, which have their own society column in the local newspaper, than of tourists.

About 100 miles south of San Francisco near the Big Sur stretch of coastline, the town's permanent population of 4,700 swells by up to 20,000 tourists a day in summer.

Ms Wrausmann offers a fraction of them a glimpse of Carmel's more unusual houses and takes them to the Hog's Breath, an English-style pub partly owned by Eastwood. He named it thus, she says, to keep people away.



Eastwood: "attempt to keep people away"

## Second boy alive after jet crash

FROM CAROLINE GLUCK  
IN PHNOM PENH

A SECOND child may have survived when a Vietnam Airlines jet came down in paddy fields as it approached Cambodia's international airport at Phnom Penh on Wednesday.

More than 60 passengers were killed, and in the confused aftermath it was thought that an 18-month-old Thai boy, now being treated in Bangkok, was the sole survivor. However, a Vietnamese boy aged about four, now being treated in Phnom Penh, was either on the aircraft or hit by falling wreckage on the ground.

As air accident investigators from Cambodia and Vietnam continued their search of the crash site it was revealed that one of the two black box flight recorders had been located. The other has been recovered by the Cambodian authorities and is thought to contain the flight data.

Sok Sambaur, deputy director general of Cambodia's airport authority, said that a reward would be given for the return of the missing black box recorder. He added: "It's been taken by one of those lookers. They were looting, they hoped there was something valuable in it. That's the reason why we are appealing, through television and radio, to let the people know there's nothing valuable inside and we need it to investigate the accident."

Peter Wright, the British businessman who died in the crash, worked for an investment company in Vietnam that is believed to have interests in a Cambodian textile factory. He and his wife lived at Dalat in Vietnam.

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September 1997



# Cape Town pins hopes on Games

Mandela  
visits  
Switzerland  
to lobby for  
African  
Olympics

FROM R.W. JOHNSON  
IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa is waiting on tenterhooks for today's decision on which city will be chosen to host the 2004 Olympic Games.

Cape Town's bid for the Games has built up into a national frenzy of ambition and anticipation, with a populace bombarded for months with propaganda suggesting that no other outcome is possible and that Africa is "entitled" to host its first Olympic Games, seen as setting the seal on Deputy President Thabo Mbeki's promised "African renaissance".

There is some local opposition to the Games being held in Cape Town, but in recent weeks it has become an unpatriotic act to notice that Cape Town lacks the transport infrastructure, the hotels and stadiums or even the climate for the Games: the southern winter is wet and windy. The repeated reports that put Rome, Athens and even Stockholm ahead of Cape Town in the bidding are simply discounted here, as is the fact that the fifth bidding city, Buenos Aires, is equally able to claim that the Games should go to Latin America for the first time.

National hopes here have soared and enormous faith is placed on the fact that President Mandela himself has gone to Switzerland to lobby the International Olympic Committee on the eve of its decision.



A drum majorette waves support for South Africa's bid committee as its members leave for Switzerland on the eve of the IOC decision

For his part, President Mandela has made plain that he expects Cape Town's bid to be supported not only by the African nations as a block but also by all those in the West who want to support and recognise the emergence of a new democratic South Africa. Supporters of the other bidding cities, for their part, have made some play of South Africa's high crime rate and the fact that Mr Mandela will not be president in 2004.

If Cape Town does receive

the nod, the country will explode with joy, then face an enormous organisational and managerial effort to be ready in time. Failure will provoke a huge sense of anticlimax and prevent the African National Congress with a big problem. For in recent weeks it has become clear that getting the Games is calculated to be Cape Town's compensation for losing its capital city status. There are increasing signs that the ANC, which has never liked having to sit in parlia-

ment in a region still ruled by the National Party, will shortly announce that parliament will move to Pretoria, the seat of the executive.

Opinion polls indicate a strong popular preference for the status quo, with parliament remaining in Cape Town, but it clearly would save money to consolidate the capital in one place, with ministers and civil servants no longer forced to commute across the thousand miles between Pretoria and Cape

Town. There is no doubt, however, that such a decision would be a body blow to Cape Town: all the embassies and the media would leave with the MPs and the city would lose its central status within the region that it has enjoyed ever since colonisation began 350 years ago. There are even suggestions that moving the capital to Pretoria and the consequent rejection of Cape Town's "mother city" status would see an upsurge in Western Cape separatism.

The decision on a single capital will be announced next month. Clearly, if Cape Town is still basking in euphoria as an Olympic city it will be far easier to get it to accept losing the parliament.

If, however, it has lost its bid for the Olympics, the sense of anticlimax may be so profound as to force the ANC to reconsider its decision on where to put parliament.

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## Malaysia to make speculators 'wriggle like worms'



Anwar: declaration of war on speculators

FROM M.G.G. PILLAI  
IN KUALA LUMPUR  
AND CHRIS LYDGADE  
IN SINGAPORE

MALAYSIA yesterday threatened harsh measures against currency and market speculators as pressure on stock markets continued to send currencies spiralling down in value across South-East Asia.

Debates on constitutional reform in Thailand and the Philippines sent their currencies lower on fears of instability while Indonesia slashed interest rates and opened up its companies to greater foreign investment in an attempt to revive the economy.

Anwar Ibrahim, Malaysia's

Deputy Prime Minister, said that the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean) would band together against an "economic war" being waged by foreign "manipulators". He said Asean would turn the speculators into "worms wriggling in the scorching sun", according to the Bernama news agency.

The Government yesterday threw a M500 billion (£12.5 billion) fighting fund into the increasingly desperate battle but many saw that as merely tempting the speculators to relieve Malaysia of more money. The move appeared to have little effect and the meltdown continued.

Traders in both Singapore

and Malaysia said Mr Anwar's rhetoric would frighten only foreign investors. "I don't think any of the measures have helped. Without foreign capital the market will suffer and ultimately Malaysia will suffer. Now pride makes it impossible to get out," said one.

Mr Anwar, who is also Finance Minister, did not specify what action he had in mind, but said it would not include preventive detention. Brokers, meanwhile, told of a witch hunt against them and many refused to speak for fear of arrest.

Mr Anwar's speech reflects the Government's anguish as it watches the economic suc-

cesses of years destroyed in a matter of weeks. The stock market is now 42 per cent down from its February high and the currency, the ringgit, is down 20 per cent on its July value.

The United Malay National Organisation, the dominant party in Malaysia's coalition, begins its three-day annual convention today. The measures announced so far are intended to placate the faithful, but the debate will focus on the economy and the country's reversal of fortunes.

Given Malay tradition, it is unlikely that Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister, or Mr Anwar, will be personally criticised.

But the vehemence of attacks on the Government's fiscal policy will inevitably reflect on the two men.

There are no precise figures on losses, but one banker estimated that the country's 50 top businessmen could have lost more than M\$20 billion.

Two days ago, five out of the six professional men at a private lunch had lost a total of M\$15 million between them.

Dr Mahathir's targeting of George Soros, the Hungarian-born US financier, for Malaysia's woes misses the point. His own aides suggest that he does not listen to advice any more, according to market sources here.

## Democracy quest in Cambodia 'is over'

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PHNOM PENH

WESTERN countries have decided to abandon the pursuit of democracy in Cambodia, always an elusive dream, and tacitly support Hun Sen, the former Communist leader who seized absolute power in street fighting in July, according to analysts here.

There is diplomatic fatigue among Western governments over trying to restore Prince Norodom Ranariddh, who was elected as joint Prime Minister with Hun Sen, and no will in the international community to spend more money and effort on free elections next year, they added.

Hun Sen, a former Khmer Rouge guerrilla, looks set to stay in power. "He would provide some stability - but not democracy," one European diplomat said. "It plays havoc with Western values, but so what? It's the line of least resistance."

This spells doom for the Government installed by the £1.25 billion United Nations-sponsored elections in 1993. With all credible opposition figures having been brutally silenced or - like Prince Ranariddh - fled into exile, most analysts believe there is

no prospect of free and fair elections.

Hun Sen controls the 140,000-strong armed forces, and claimed recently that he had 400 tanks and armoured personnel carriers at his disposal. He lives in a military barracks on the edge of Phnom Penh and is seen in some quarters in the West as the tough leader who can bring stability to Cambodia.

Bloody fighting saw the ousting of Prince Ranariddh's FUNCINPEC faction on July 5, the summary execution of up to 40 of his supporters and the detention of hundreds more, some of whom have been tortured. Since then peace has returned to Phnom Penh, which no longer has competing armies bringing weapons on to the streets.

Prince Ranariddh, 54, is in exile in Bangkok, back to a small house in a quiet lane where he started his struggle for power in the 1980s.

His father, King Norodom Sihanouk, returned last month from China, where he had been for six months for medical treatment, and is in a Buddhist retreat at Siem Reap, near the fabled ruins of Angkor Wat.

## US to fine Japanese shippers

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS  
IN TOKYO

US SANCTIONS against Japan's three largest shipping companies went into effect yesterday after Tokyo failed to meet demands to eliminate alleged restrictive practices against American shippers in Japanese ports.

Harold Croel, chairman of the US Federal Maritime Commission, said in Washington there had been no breakthrough in Tokyo to justify delaying the sanctions due to come into effect in the United States at 04:01 GMT yesterday. Yosuke Watanabe, a spokesman for Japan's Transportation Ministry, said no agreement was reached in talks between the ministry and Japanese shipping officials. "The time limit has passed," he said.

The sanctions, which carry a mandatory fine of \$100,000 (£62,500) for each arrival on vessels operated by Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Mitsui OSK Lines and Nippon Yusen KK, were to be enforced on their next ships arriving at US ports.

Each company has a full container ship due in an American port today.

## Taxi 'hero' cheat offered film role

Bangkok: The world's "most honest taxi driver" who was later exposed as a trickster, liar, womaniser and cheat was offered a film role in *The 18 Charlatans* yesterday as he went to court here to face fraud charges (Andrew Drummond writes). The film's producer, however, declined to pay the driver's bail

during negotiations conducted through a police station's bars near Bangkok airport. The cheat had allegedly also wanted his own dressing room, family housing and an appearance fee.

Sompong Luedthaharn, 42, became a Thai hero after an anonymous telephone caller said he had returned to its

owner the equivalent of £200,000 left in his cab.

But Mr Sompong had made the call, the claim was bogus, and after more than a month of public exposure, he had admitted lying. "I want to be a monk, but I must face the law first," he said before being remanded in custody for 12 days.

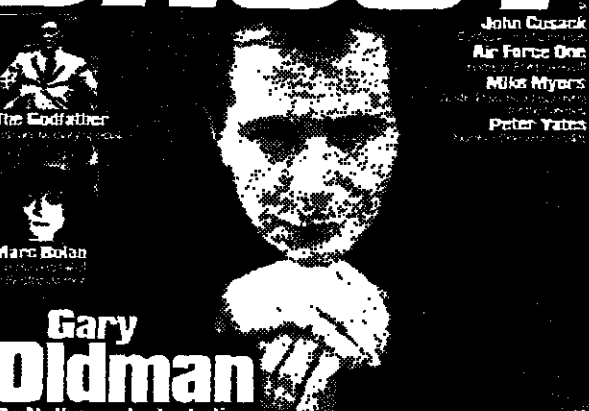
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# Any colour as long as it's striped



The geometric collection features a cream tank with red and purple broken stripes, £35

## Knitwear is back and heading the revival is Clements Ribeiro. **Grace Bradberry** reports



**Chevron stripe crewneck sweater, £50. Black trousers, £50**

**B**ritish design duo Clements Ribeiro and Simone Clements and Inacio Ribeiro — established their reputation with their little four-colour cashmere cardigans. They are now up there with Italian designers Missoni, and the French designer Sonia Rykiel, spearheading the revival in knitwear.

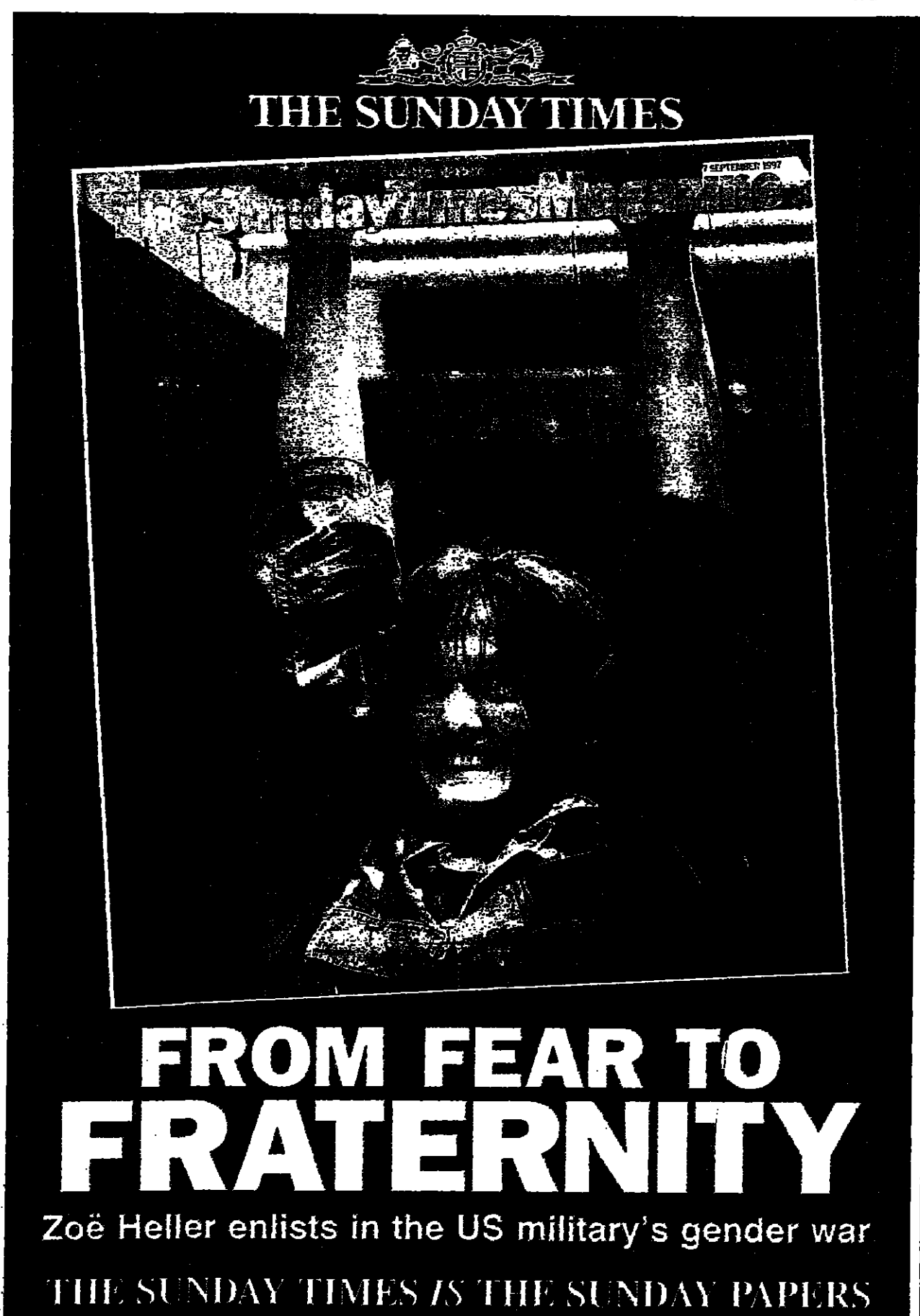
If you do not have £300 to splurge on a twinset, however, then some compromise has to be made. For the past three seasons, Clements Ribeiro has designed a collection for Dorothy Perkins. This autumn, it is exclusively knitwear, and

many of the pieces feature the signature stripes, as well as geometric patterns.

The collection reflects Inacio Ribeiro's feel for vibrant colours (he is Brazilian). There are rainbow stripe sweaters and cardigans with red or black as a base colour. There is also a geometric collection, with contrasts of cream, red and purple on tank tops, cardigans and sweaters. Next month another range of knits arrives, picking up on the grey-is-the-new-black theme, with graphite-coloured cardigans and sweaters.



Red crewneck with rainbow stripe, £45. Knitwear is available from selected stores only



**Black cardigan with rainbow stripe, £50**



**Black V-neck sweater with rainbow stripe, £45**

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# The nation needs this ritual of mourning

To grieve a public figure shows not weakness but dignity. Jason Cowley on the passing of a Princess

The death of Diana, Princess of Wales, has provoked an expression of public grief and mourning that is almost overwhelming in its intensity, and arguably unrivalled in British history. Anyone who has gathered with the patient, sombre mourners outside St James's Palace, or seen pictures of the remarkable floral tributes being laid in a shrine of remembrance at the gates of Kensington Palace, realises the country is in the grip of a ceremony of mourning — perhaps an hysteria of mourning. But why do we need the ritual of mourning, and what does it tell us about ourselves and our nation?

One of the difficulties of mourning is that we lack an appropriate vocabulary of grief; the "meaning" of mourning appears to lie on the other side of language. It is the voice of the metaphysical will. When we do attempt to articulate our despair, we too often find ourselves resorting to clichés or platitudes. So instead of talking, we act: "We wanted to do something," say the mourners queuing to sign the books of condolence. "We wanted to show we cared."

This difficulty of articulation, says Rabbi Julia Neuberger, accounts for our reliance on ritual: flowers, music, prayer, candles, food. "The ritual of mourning touches something deep within us, something almost animal," she says. "When an animal is wounded it retreats to its lair or gathers in a pack. Human beings do the same, whether it is retreating to the home, or finding solace in the comfort of the crowd, as in the case at the moment. There is a great need to act, to show in deed what we cannot show in words. Sometimes it is not enough simply to say you are sorry."

Dorothy Rowe, a psychologist and author, says that even in a secular state, where many have lost faith in conventional religions but not in the wider mysteries of existence, the yearning for ritual remains deep. She recalls how her son, Edward, a journalist, was so affected by seeing bodies burn while reporting on the fire at the Bradford City football ground that the only way he could express his grief was by planting a tree in the garden. "Edward's experience shows

us, on a private level, and Diana's on a public, that it is important to honour a death. Doing so marks us out as human. If we value human life, we value the rituals that bind us together. And as a nation I feel we are getting better at expressing grief."

She is surely right. There have been so many British disasters in the past decade or so — the Bradford fire, Hillsborough, the sinking of the *Marchioness* pleasure boat, Lockerbie, Dunblane — that it is as though we have undergone a transformation in national character; as though we have learnt how to mourn publicly. Rowe points out that the laying of flowers at a place of death is "a recent phenomenon".



The Princess returns home

Dr Tony Walter, reader in sociology at the University of Reading and co-founder of the National Funerals College, agrees that there has been a remarkable shift in our attitudes to mourning. He thinks we divide into two groups: those, such as the Queen and Prince of Wales, who grieve in private without any public display of emotion, except for subtle hints — a solitary tear or wavering voice — and those who are more openly expressive. The latter tend to be of the younger generation, for whom Diana was such a powerful figurehead. "Until recently, I would have said most British people slipped into the first category, given our tradition for keeping a stiff upper lip."

But, Dr Walter points out, there has been a change: the trauma of AIDS, with its red ribbons of empathy, the rise in influence of the caring professions, and the example of Diana herself have encouraged a new openness and heightened receptivity to grief. "It is remarkable," he says, "how the media have

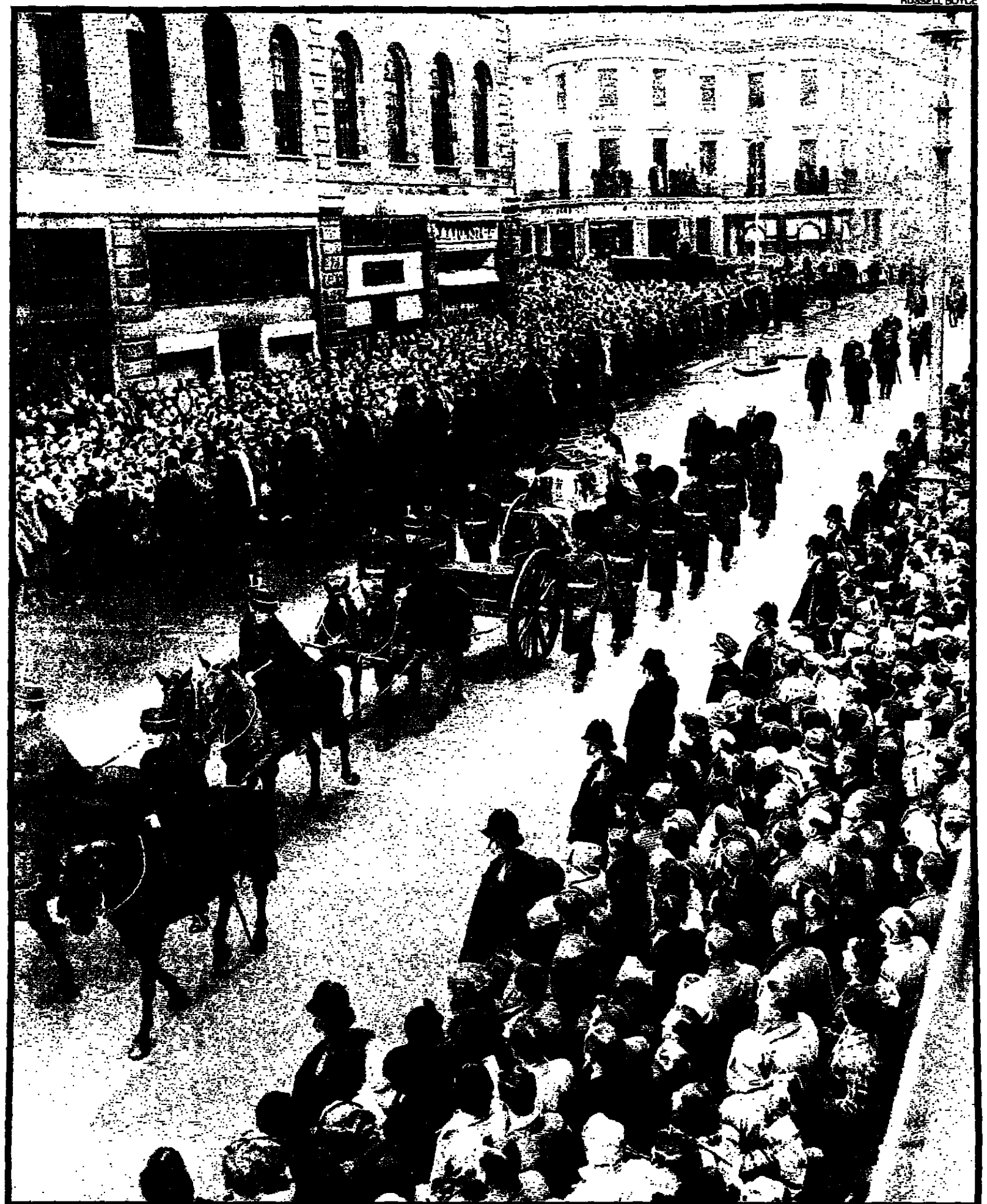
legitimised and encouraged this outpouring of emotion. In the past, people were praised for holding themselves together, for not breaking down, for behaving, in fact, like the Royal Family. But now the media are almost unanimous in their condemnation of the Royal Family for not publicly expressing grief. The media may even have played a part in the Queen's decision to broadcast to the nation."

Rabbi Neuberger is interested in how the British pattern of delaying a funeral contrasts with the Islamic, Jewish or even Irish Christian tradition of a swiftly arranged funeral followed by a period of intense, ritualised mourning. "In Ireland, where you have the wake, or in Judaism, with its seven days of concentrated mourning, the real process of grieving begins after the funeral. And I do hope Diana's principal mourners will be left alone to grieve."

Dr Frank Furedi, a sociologist at Kent University, believes that the public mourning for Diana chimes with what he calls the new therapeutic politics of Bill Clinton and Tony Blair. "These are all about character and personality, not hard policy, about showing that you care and are touched by other people's pain. In the past few years, the culture of vulnerability has become institutionalised in British society."

"We expect people to cry, to acknowledge their weakness and vulnerability. Because society has become so fragmented, grief seems the only way of bringing people together. Our identity as being a people finds expression in a tragic incident; in short, the ritual of grieving brings us together and shows us we are not alone."

Not since the death of Eva Perón — beauty, ambivalent guiding light and holy mother of Argentina's poor — has a woman so engaged the sympathy of so-called ordinary people. Some of the mourners outside Kensington Palace have even called for Diana's canonisation. Certainly the momentum behind a cult of Diana appears unstoppable. Lord Blake, the constitutional historian, believes her funeral will serve as an unparalleled collective expression of



The body of King George VI en route from King's Cross to Westminster Hall. He was deeply mourned, but not to the same extent as Diana

mourning. He agrees that the crowds outside Kensington Palace have operated as a kind of collective grieving consciousness. "It is the mark of the dignity of a nation that it marks the passing of a public figure it loves. I don't think there has ever been a display of public mourning to compare with what is happening."

The mourning that followed the death of Queen Victoria and Winston Churchill was great, but they were very old and their deaths didn't come as a terrible shock. George VI, who died before his time, was deeply mourned, but not to the extent of Diana. Her death is unique in British history."

The way the country mourns may never be the same again.

## Portraits of Diana

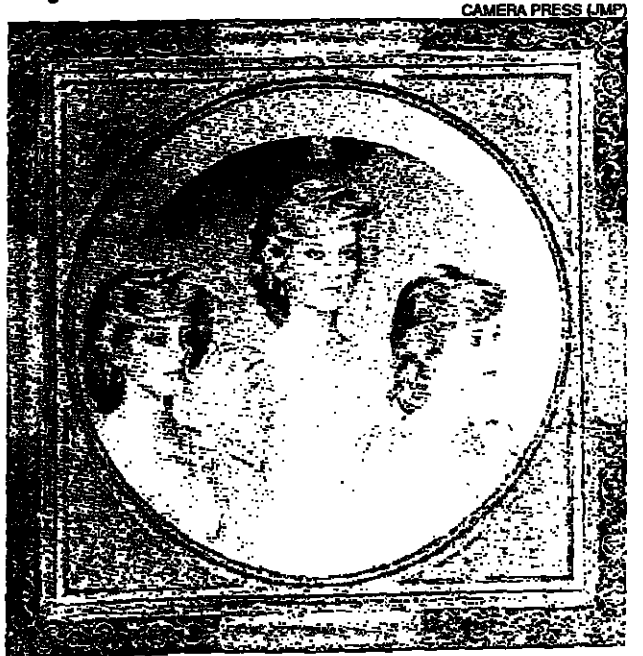
ALL week I have been gazing at photographs of Diana, Princess of Wales — on television, in newspapers, pinned to railings at Kensington Palace. The nation is transfixed by a face.

But where are the painted portraits? I know the era of the portrait is long gone, but Diana sat for commissioned artists several times, and it seems odd not to see one of the paintings among so many images reproduced. Sure, a few children's drawings flutter sadly among the flowers and pavement artists' chalk flagstone images. But shouldn't the official portraits have had some place in this week's record of Diana's life?

The answer is no. The face that launched a hundred bestselling editions of glossy magazines was better portrayed by the average paparazzo's snap than by the artist. Of course, royal portraiture has always been a precarious profession — one wouldn't want to ruffle the vanities of a royal client. Indeed, Holbein's flattery of Anne of Cleves was so assiduous that Henry VIII agreed to marry the woman on the strength of it — only later to find himself looking a "Flanders' mare" in the mouth.

But why should the portraits be so mediocre? Remember Bryan Organ's engagement portrait, so brittle and bland? It was set upon by a lunatic with a knife. And though the attacker was saying something about Ireland,

Paintings did not do her justice, says Rachel Campbell-Johnston



Three times a Princess: Diana, painted by John Merton

not the painting, his actions set some sort of precedent. All subsequent portraits of Diana were targets of verbal attack.

Richard Foster in 1986 was charged with managing to make Diana look "positively ugly". David Hankinson aimed for the aura of the fairy-tale — a pastel Princess — and ended up with an atmosphere of Mothercare. "Disgusting, chocolate-box rubbish addressed to the bar-

gain basement at Woolworths," fumed Brian Sewell of the *London Evening Standard*. In the most recent portrait Henry Mee tried to avoid such iconic imagery — tense, frowning, and rigidly erect, the Princess stares from under a shock of grey hair.

If a portrait says as much about the artist as the subject, these probably suggest the artists were not much good. But at this moment, people

are not concerned about the artist anyway. They are thinking about their Princess. And what these portraits say about Diana is that she was not comfortable with formal poses, with iconic images or distant perfection. Rather, her beauty revealed itself in liteness and spontaneity, and it was this that made her the "People's Princess".

SHE seems most remembered for her naturalness — however artfully attained. Informality was her essence. And it was this that such photographers as Mario Testino caught. "She had a natural, unassuming beauty," he told me yesterday, "the sort most evident in natural sunlight." His *Vanity Fair* portraits of Diana, taken earlier this year, show a woman supine and at ease, grinning happily into the lens.

Even those many stolen snapshots of Diana — scurrying from the gym, clambering quickly into the car, dashing out of her home — capture her spirit better than any painting. Passing moods and postures — the hands held shyly together, the coy upward glance, the sudden wide smile or the nervous catching of the lower lip — are caught with a startling intimacy by the camera.

Before we honour the Princess by erecting a statue, we should remember this. Would Diana have wanted to be commemorated in so formal a monument?

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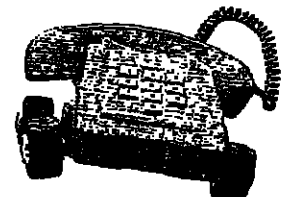
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## MONARCH AND MEDIA

Time to look forward to funeral and the future

The Queen's decision to address the nation on television this evening is the most significant news since the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. Never before will a broadcast by the Queen have been watched and listened to with such attention. Although most of her audience would have preferred that the decision be more spontaneous, they will be grateful that the Palace has at last grasped the urgent need for a direct personal message. The Palace should not have needed reminding that the media must be used, promptly and creatively, if a modern Head of State is to communicate effectively with her people. The communication must be in both directions. In her words tonight, the Queen will need to demonstrate that she is listening to her subjects, shares their sense of loss, and harbours no ill-will towards those who offer constructive criticism in a spirit of loyalty.

The media are a vital link between the monarchy and the people, and never more so than at a time of national trauma. Even if the Royal Family had not been insulated at Balmoral from the turbulent emotions released by last Sunday's tragedy, television, radio and the press would still have been their indispensable barometer of the public mood. By Saturday, perhaps a million people will have queued to offer their thoughts and prayers to the dead Princess: many millions of others will have paid tribute in other ways and at other places. Yet without the media to echo and articulate their feelings, these multitudes would not have been able to make themselves understood in Balmoral.

The marketplace in which the press must work demands that newspapers be sensitive to the views of their readers. Yesterday's Palace statement, that the Royal Family had been "hurt" by press criticism, is evidence of a fatal tendency to blame the messenger. The truth is that the monarchy has been ill-served by its flatterers, whether in the Palace or the press. One of the reasons why the British Royal Family has not suffered the

fate of so many of its continental cousins has been the presence here of the world's oldest, freest and most vigorous press. Walter Bagehot's celebrated definition of the Sovereign's rights — to be consulted, to encourage and to warn — is not a bad description of the function of the media vis à vis royalty. This week the warnings have been heeded, but only after unnecessary damage had been done.

There has been a belated change of plans. Over the past 24 hours, the Royal Family has begun to show commendable flexibility in meeting the complaints voiced in the press earlier in the week. The decision to fly flags at half-mast over Kensington Palace after the arrival of the Princess today and over Buckingham Palace during the funeral is proof that protocol is not Holy Writ. Many will have been cheered by the visits of the Duke of York and Prince Edward to St James's Palace yesterday — particularly by the fact that, after paying their respects to the Princess, they then showed solidarity with the mourners by going on a walkabout. It is also good that the senior members of the family — the Queen, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, the Duke of Edinburgh and Princess Margaret — are returning today, rather than just before the funeral.

At the funeral itself, all eyes will be on Princes William and Harry. Many will be surprised and some disappointed, that they and their father, the Prince of Wales, will not be reading lessons or prayers. We must assume that their decision has been arrived at after consultation with the Spencer family and the Dean of Westminster; it must be respected. This makes the procession to the Abbey, which it is hoped will be led by Prince Charles and his sons, all the more important. It may be witnessed by half humanity. For the boy princes, such exposure demands courage and self-sacrifice. They are — and have to be — the living symbols of new life. More than ever before, the monarchy stands in need of their tangible signs that it has a brighter future.

## Royal Family has responded with 'dignified restraint'

From Lady Meriel Darby

Sir, Last night several people in the crowds mourning Princess Diana expressed disillusionment with the Royal Family.

It is not long since reticence, self-control and a sense of duty were seen as the best of virtues, hard taught and hard learned. Now Princess Diana has shown us that duty is a cold thing without love, and reticence intolerable in the face of a mutilated child.

However, there can be no doubt that Prince Charles and Princess Anne's work through The Prince's Trust and Save the Children springs from anything other than an earnest desire to help, and thousands of charitable functions have been boosted by the presence of a member of the Royal Family. Each has served as he or she was able.

Princess Diana's compassion was genuine and personal as she reached out and touched people's wounds. I do so hope that equal compassion and gratitude will be shown to those who may have been restrained by the values of a harsher age.

Yours etc,  
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September 3.

From Mrs Victoria Solt Dennis

Sir, There is a fearful irony in Mr Rupert Murdoch's assertion (letter, September 3) that the Royal Family should learn from the Princess's life that the "stiff upper lip" is a thing of the Victorian era which has little value in a modern society.

He is right of course that it was the Princess's habit of showing her emotions freely to the world that made so many feel close to her: it was also precisely that trait that made the paparazzi batten on her like sharks in

a feeding frenzy. If she had ever learned the "stiff upper lip" she might never have been the world's sweetheart, but she might not now be dead.

The Victorians cultivated self-control and reticence in public not for the fun of it, but because it was a tool for survival in a hard world. It still is. What a desperate pity that none of the Princess's friends and advisers managed to persuade her to adopt it.

Yours sincerely,  
VICTORIA SOLT DENNIS,  
12 Prospect Row,  
Brompton, Gillingham, Kent.  
September 3.

From the Reverend Francis Pole

Sir, It's not altogether surprising that the Queen and older members of the Royal Family have been keeping such a low profile following the untimely death of Diana, Princess of Wales. As is becoming increasingly clear from the prolonged outpouring of grief, they have almost always been out of step with the mood of the general public in their attitude towards Diana — not least in the quite unnecessary stripping of her "HRH" after her divorce.

Yours faithfully,  
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From Mrs Phyllis Anderson

Sir, I am appalled at the public outcry for the Royal Family to put their grief on public display.

All of Britain has for years condemned them for adhering so strictly to "Victorian protocol". Now, when they are behaving like a family, grieving and treating the two Princes like boys who have lost a mother, protecting them from the intrusion which

they killed their mother, everyone is screaming for them to make some sort of public show.

Prince William and Prince Harry will have an enormous task ahead of them on Saturday. Let us remember that they are two boys being comforted and supported by their father and grandparents — at this point in time, no more than that.

For heaven's sake, leave them alone.  
Yours etc,  
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From Mrs Lorna Crick

Sir, Diana, Princess of Wales, was admired, above all, for her compassion. The British public should follow her example and ask themselves whether she would have publicly criticised a family in mourning.

Yours faithfully,  
LORNA CRICK,  
Barn Hall,  
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September 4.

From Mr Michael J. Tucker

Sir, The mourning over the tragic loss of Diana, Princess of Wales, by the Spencer family and the Royal Family has been dignified and publicly restrained, whereas the hysteria from radio, television and newspapers has not. How some members of the media can criticise the Royal Family for their behaviour is beyond me: perhaps dignity is no longer fashionable.

Yours faithfully,  
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## Wartime destroyer 'should be saved'

From Mr Sid Anning and others

Sir, The problems associated with the preservation of ships with historical interest to this country have recently been highlighted by the news of the proposed sale of HMS Cavalier, the World War Two destroyer now owned by South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council. The intended purchaser is a Malaysian company which plans to make the ship part of a maritime museum in Port Kelang.

Cavalier is the one extant example of the naval destroyers which, for many, symbolise one of the great periods of our seagoing heritage. Nearly 30,000 of our young men perished in them.

Before long the public will question why the preserved tanks and guns of the Army, and the Spitfires and Lancaster of the Royal Air Force are not matched by museums or elsewhere by their seagoing equivalents. The reason, of course, is that the preservation and maintenance of warships cannot be made economic without public subsidy, and this has only so far been made available to HMS Belfast.

The Heritage Lottery Fund is cur-

rently supporting the National Historic Ships Committee in setting up a database on prospective candidates for preservation, but this may be "too little, too late" for Cavalier.

We all served in Cavalier at one time or another and have very happy memories of her. We hope and believe that she can yet be saved for this country; but this can only happen if there is immediate recognition by Government of both her historic significance and the difficulties associated with the preservation of warships.

Yours faithfully,  
SID ANNING,  
Chairman, HMS Cavalier Association;  
Able Seaman, HMS Cavalier, 1961-65.  
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## Rural rides

From Mr A. T. Bateman

Sir, Ironically in your Weekend supplement (August 30) you juxtaposed an article on rural problems in national parks with a "rural recommendation" to visit the church at Waddele Head, Cumbria.

Waddele is one of the most spectacular and rugged valleys in the Lake District, accessible only by a narrow cul-de-sac road or mountain footpath.

There is no public transport to the head of the valley; surely thus a prime candidate for a "park and ride" route.

Yours faithfully,  
ALAN BATEMAN,  
Rowan House, Tallentire,  
Cockermouth, Cumbria.

## Waiting to read

From Dr T. H. Hughes-Davies

Sir, Poor readers can be recognised at six or seven. To give them individual coaching only after four unhappy and wasted years ("Elm pledge gives boost to literacy scheme", August 29) is not only cruel but is economic nonsense.

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN SMALL,  
(Honorary Secretary, The Regency Society of Brighton and Hove),  
3 Windlesham Gardens,  
Brighton, Sussex.  
August 28.

## Africa's future

From Dr Michael Schluter

Sir, Matthew Parris's articles on Africa's economic problems (August 8, 15, 22; letters, August 16, 21, 30) fail to take adequate account of history.

African societies prior to colonisation had no concept of the state. All property was privately owned. Family, clan and tribe were the building blocks of personal identity, so the plural state, made up of many cultures, languages and "nations", owning a large part of total income and assets, is foreign. Cultures do not adapt to such fundamental changes in days or weeks, but in decades or even centuries.

Add to this the impact of international aid and trade which has

created small wealthy elites in a sea of poverty, and no wonder the competition between different cultural groups to control these privileges is so intense. Such competition occurred in Europe's history several centuries ago. Many African leaders appear mild against the authoritarian tendencies of Henry VIII.

Today the West cannot do much to alleviate Africa's suffering through capital transfers, except perhaps to meet the costs of large-scale infrastructure projects and agricultural research. However, large development projects heighten the competition of local elites to control the

state. Rather, while Africa is making the massive cultural adjustments demanded of it by contemporary global realities, the focus should be on promoting local debate around spiritual and social values. For this, and for small, targeted local development initiatives, non-governmental organisations are better equipped than large multilateral donors.

Africa needs the West today primarily as friends not as bankers, and certainly not as masters.

Yours truly,  
MICHAEL SCHLUTER,  
(Research Director),  
Newick Park Initiative (for Conciliation in Africa),  
Relationships Foundation,  
3 Hooper Street, Cambridge.  
September 1.

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## Murky view from these Windows

From Mr Colin Clegg

Sir, We should give a round of applause to Anatole Kaletsky for suggesting that it is now "Time to clean the Windows" (article, August 26). I look forward to more innovation arising out of the perpetual computer revolution with an increasing sense of apprehension and dread.

The present level of development in computer technology, particularly in word and number crunching and graphics, is adequate for the needs of most people and small businesses. What we long for now is consolidation, making existing features more compatible with each other and reliable, and hopefully the establishment of industrial standards and a code of practice; in short an end to commercial anarchy.

Yours faithfully,  
COLIN CLEGG,  
Stone Lodge, Spook Hill,  
North Holmwood, Dorking, Surrey.  
August 26.

From Sir Martin Berthoud

Sir, What hope is there for ordinary mortals like us if someone of the luminous intelligence and computer-literacy of Anatole Kaletsky gets lost among the fiendish labyrinths of the computer systems devised by Bill Gates of Microsoft and others? He suggests that we are still in the steam age of computers: I would say the dot.

It is particularly aggravating for home users of PCs that we have to pay through the nose for equipment which is to a massive degree more sophisticated than we need for simple purposes like writing letters to The Times or keeping accounts. All that many of us want is a somewhat glorified typewriter with a decent screen and a mouse.

Comfy back Alan Sugar, all is forgiven! Where is your updated, much improved £500 Amstrad?

Yours faithfully,  
MARTIN BERTHOUD,  
Gillyflower,  
Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk.  
August 28.

From Dr Tony Harris

Sir, It is not difficult to sympathise with Anatole Kaletsky's call to "clean the Windows". To an experienced and skilled user who does not want to become a full-time buffoon or nerd, Windows 95 can be infuriating — it lacks the reliability and simplicity of the pre-Windows PC operating systems or even of earlier versions of Windows.

However, in one respect Mr Kaletsky is wrong. Word processing and spreadsheet analysis programmes work much better than they did ten years ago, and the addition of graphics has been a significant enhancement. Modern users of this software can be hugely more productive as a result.

Yours faithfully,  
TONY HARRIS,  
(Managing Director),  
SBW Insurance Research Limited,  
Dashwood House,  
69 Old Broad Street, EC2.

From Mr Eric Jacobs

Sir, All power to Anatole Kaletsky's campaign of resistance to Bill Gates. On the Windows 95 principal word processing programme, WordPad, it is impossible to create a double space facility which has been available on the meagre of manual typewriters for decades.

To double-space my documents on Windows 95, it seems I shall have to buy yet another mightily expensive software package. Which is why I am writing this, double-spaced, on my old Amstrad.

Yours sincerely,  
ERIC JACOBS,  
5a Dickenson Road, Hornsey, NS.  
August 26.

From Mr Nick Byatt

Sir, I am surprised at Anatole's problem with Mr Bill Gates. His solution is simple: buy an Apple. After all, Microsoft did.

Yours faithfully,  
NICK BYATT,  
4 Ruffs Furze, Oakley, Bedford.  
August 26.

## Mightier than the pen

From Mr Michael J. Stower

Sir, On our recent family holiday our children were only exchanging e-mail addresses with new-found friends. A sign of the times?

Yours faithfully,  
M. J. STOWER,  
Bramble End,  
Derwent Lane, Dunnington, York.  
michael.stower@lineone.net

## Pet weight

From Mr Howard Toon

Sir, I note Dr Thomas Stuttaford's report (Body and Mind, September 4) that Britain now has the fattest dogs in the European Union. Do we not also have the fattest cats?

Yours sincerely,  
HOWARD TOON,  
5 Laburnum Close, Hathersham,  
Loughborough, Leicestershire.  
September 4.

## THE TACTICS OF TERROR

Arafat must recognise that Hamas is his problem

The suicide bombs that exploded at the Ben Yehuda mall in Jerusalem yesterday represent the most audacious attack yet conducted by Hamas terrorists. The scenes of death and devastation matched those inflicted in the Mahane Yehuda market five weeks ago. This assault signifies a deliberate escalation of terrorist activity and suggests that Israel will suffer further atrocities still. The awful nature of these assaults makes them especially difficult to predict or prevent. Intelligence is almost everything.

Neither the occasion nor the tactics of Hamas requires much decoding. The blast was aimed at such fragile reconciliation as had occurred between Israel and the Palestinian National Authority since the last outrage. It has immediately ensured that the economic blockade eased by Yitzhak Rabin earlier this week has again been reinstated. In the circumstances, there was little real choice but to seal Israel's borders. The bombings also serve to highlight the terrorists' capacity for destruction even when pressure has been placed on Yasser Arafat to cooperate with Israel on security issues. The Hamas hierarchy also intended to send a message to Madeleine Albright in advance of the US Secretary of State's initial visit to the region scheduled for next week.

All of this presents Mr Netanyahu with a considerable political problem. He was elected 16 months ago largely on his security credentials. For the first nine months after assuming power he could favourably contrast his record against terrorism with that of Shimon Peres, his Labour Party predecessor. Now he faces exactly the same dilemma. He has little option but to continue with the peace process, but must do so in the knowledge that Hamas will attempt to intervene on a regular basis. Despite that, the pressure on him within his Cabinet to meet

escalation with counter-escalation will be enormous.

Mr Netanyahu is not alone in this difficulty. Terrorism is the fundamental question for all involved in the process. The reaction of many Palestinian officials was to claim that the perpetrators of this plot probably did not originate from those parts of the West Bank under their jurisdiction. Thus responsibility rested exclusively with Israel. That is an exceptionally dishonest argument. It is perfectly possible that — for purely tactical reasons — Hamas might have selected its suicide squad from within Israel's borders. This does not alter the fact that the command structure and leadership of the organisation exist and thrive in the area under Mr Arafat's influence. It is he who must put them out of commission.

If Palestinian politicians do not take more credible action against Hamas then they invite the assumption that selective slaughter is an acceptable strategy. Mr Arafat deliberately inflamed that impression with his willingness to embrace Hamas and Islamic Jihad at a "national unity meeting" in the Gaza Strip last month. The Palestinian President cannot continue with a schedule that alternates between American and Israeli officials on the one hand and the exponents of assassination on the other.

The American Administration also faces a difficult if different decision. Mrs Albright had made her tour contingent on security developments. On that basis she could have considered it necessary even essential to change her timetable. But the United States should not allow its diplomatic arrangements to be dictated by terrorism. The Secretary of State will rightly come to the Middle East as had been determined. She should now decide whom to meet on the strength of their stance against Hamas.

## LET THE GAMES RETHINK

The Olympics are now too big for any single city

In Lausanne, Switzerland, this afternoon, the members of the International Olympics Committee (IOC) will decide which of five cities should host the 2004 Games. It would be stretching credibility to suggest that the committee will deliberate the merits of the bids concerned. The process has long been tainted by the power of money and politics.

The IOC should be contemplating much broader matters. The real issue is the character of the Olympic ideal. The spectacle is too large for any single place on the planet to manage it comfortably. In part this is due to the revolution in communications and transportation that has swollen the ranks of media and spectators alike. The problems have been exacerbated, however, by the IOC itself. The sprint from an amateur competition to the opposite extreme of undiluted professionalism has helped to produce the current circus. So too the rapid expansion of the number of sports represented has undermined the Olympic ideal.

There have been the first signs of a backlash against this modern monster. The financial consequences for Montreal, which is still paying for its folly, and the damaging publicity suffered by Atlanta last year have had a powerful impact. Hostility has been expressed in Rome towards the prospect of

staging the tournament. One book entitled *10 Good Reasons to say No to the 2004 Olympics in Rome* has succinctly summarised such objections. The reaction in Sweden has been even more intense with nine incidents of arson and bombing in protest against Stockholm's application. Athens, too, has its domestic opponents.

Whoever holds the 2004 Olympics should be asked to host fewer events than the 271 examples that overwhelmed Atlanta. This does not mean that no new sports should ever be accepted; it does require others to be removed. If an Olympic gold medal does not represent the absolute zenith of achievement in a sport — as it clearly does not in the case of either football or tennis — then there is a powerful argument for their exclusion. The alternative is to continue towards the point where any pastime with a passable resemblance to a sport is included and organisational chaos is almost invited.

Countries rather than cities now need to be chosen. One central venue is required for the ceremonial aspects and the athletics but beyond that the various contests could and should be spread much more widely. If the IOC does not recognise that reality then whichever metropolis is awarded the prize is destined for misery as well as the glory.

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## Birthdays today

Dr Aileen Adams, anaesthetist, 74; Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, 61; Mr Malcolm Allison, football manager, 60; Mr Christopher Beazley, former MEP, 45; Miss Meg Beresford, former general secretary, CND, 60; Mr David Brabham, racing driver, 32; Viscount Chilton, 51; Mr Dick Clement, scriptwriter, 60; Major-General G.O. Cowan, former president, Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, 58; Mr R.J. Dunn, executive director, News International TV, 54; Miss Tracy Edwards, yachtswoman, 35; Sir Robin Fearn, diplomat, 63; Dr David Fussy, Vice-Chancellor, Greenwich University, 54; Mr David Graham, former Chief Constable, Cheshire, 64; Dame Elizabeth Hesley-Hunt, FRS, former chief executive, Meteorological Office, 56; Sir Francis Lloyd, former colonial officer, 88; Mr Kevin McNamara, MP, 63; Mrs Doreen Massey, former director, Family Planning Association, 59; Lord Justice Mummery, 59; Canon Lord Pilkington of Oxenford, former chairman, Broadcasting Complaints Commission, 64; Miss Jean Rankine, deputy director, British Museum, 50; Mr G.W. Tremlett, author, 58; Sir Denis Wilkinson, FRS, former Vice-Chancellor, Sussex University, 75.

## Captain Dick Ker

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Dick Ker will be held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London SW1, on Thursday, October 9, at noon.

The Army  
Benevolent Fund

Major General G.M.G. Swindells retired as Controller of the Army Benevolent Fund on September 4, 1997, and has been succeeded by Major General M.D. Regan.

## Lectures

English-Speaking Union  
Mr George Robertson, Secretary of State for Defence, delivered the sixth English-Speaking Union lecture on *Furthering International Understanding in the 21st Century* at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office yesterday. Baroness Bragge, chairman, presided, and with Mr Andrew Gowers of the *Financial Times*, received the guests at a reception held later. Sir Geoffrey Pattie also spoke.

Sternberg Centre for Judaism  
Dr Ron Kronish, Director of the Inter-religious Co-ordinating Council in Israel spoke on "Inter-religious Relations in Israel" yesterday at the Sternberg Centre. Sir Sigmund Sternberg presided.

## Service reunion

Royal Garhwal Rifles Officers' Association  
Major Sir Michael Parsons, President of the Royal Garhwal Rifles Officers' Association, presided at a reunion held yesterday at Admiralty House, Northwood, by permission of Admiral Sir Peter Abbott, Commander-in-Chief Fleet. Brigadier A.S. Dhillon, Colonel of the Regiment in India, the Garhwal Rifles and Garhwal Scouts, was the principal guest.

Forthcoming  
marriages

Mr A.C. Jackson and Miss H.P.M. Wardell  
The engagement is announced between Antony, elder son of the late Mr Leonard Jackson and of Mrs John Gough, of Moore Lodge, Newry, Co Down, and Henrietta, younger daughter of Mr Timothy Wardell, of Callian, France, and Lady Antonia Beckwith, of Kirklington, North Yorkshire.

Mr E.C. Davison and Miss K.H.J. Thompson  
The engagement is announced between Edwin, son of Mr and Mrs Eric Davison, of Aspley Guise, Bedfordshire, and Kathryn, daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry Thompson, of Holyport, Berkshire.

Mr A.H.T. Patorini and Miss M.T. Bolla  
The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Patorini, of Skipton, North Yorkshire, and Teresa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Antonio Bolla, of Verona, Italy.

Mr J.A. Feldman and Miss S.N. Fisher  
The engagement is announced between James, son of Tony and Lynda Feldman, of Regent's Park, London, and Sarah, daughter of Roly and Fiona Fisher, of Mount Eliza, Victoria, Australia.

Dr M.F. Foley and Miss G. Amooty  
The engagement is announced between Martin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Foley, of Geraldine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Amooty.

Mr C.D. Newell and Miss G. Ozen  
The engagement is announced between Clive, son of Mr John Newell, of Belfast, and Mrs Eilayne Newell, of Birkdale, Merseyside, and Gamze, daughter of Mr Osman Nuri Ozen and of Mrs Mijang Kilic, both of Ankara, Turkey.

Mr R.W.O. Price and Miss C. Hopkin  
The engagement is announced between Rhodri, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Gareth Orpwood Price, of Suhanstead Abbots, Berkshire, and Claire, daughter of Judge John Hopkin, DL, and Mrs Hopkin, of Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.

Mr J.K. Johannes and Miss A. Stormonth Darling  
The engagement is announced between Jan Kurt, son of Walter Johannes and the late Marguerite Johannes, of Elma, Washington, United States, and Arabella, daughter of Peter Stormonth Darling, of Swan Walk, London, and Candis Roberts, and step-daughter of John Roberts, of Burleigh House, Bladon.

Mr M.P. Shaw and Miss J. Charles  
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Commander V.J. Shaw, RN, retired, and Mrs J.M. Shaw, both of Bath, and Julieanne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs George E. Charles, of Harnest, Suffolk.

Mr P.M. Shorey and Miss C. Darling  
The engagement is announced between Philip Miburn, only son of Mrs Muriel Shorey and the late Robert Shorey, of Haydon Bridge, Northumberland, and Clare, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Darling, of Oakwood, Hedham, Northumberland.

Captain R.C. Taylor and Miss A.A.B. Graves  
The engagement is announced between Captain Richard Taylor, The Life Guards, son of Mr and Mrs J.N. Taylor, of Morcott-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, and Andrea, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J.E. Graves, of Canon Frome, Herefordshire.

Mr D.J. Twiddle and Miss A.C. Fletcher  
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Twiddle, of Knapton Hall, North Yorkshire, and Annabel, daughter of Mr Robert L. Fletcher, of Bridlington, and Ann Fletcher, of Burton Fleming, East Yorkshire.

Lieutenant M.S. Vine and Miss A.A. Kealy  
The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Matthew Spencer Vine, The Royal Irish Regiment, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robert Vine, of Chester, and Alice Anne, eldest daughter of the late Major Michael Kealy, DSO, and of Mrs Arthur Denaro, and step-daughter of Major-General Arthur Denaro, CBE.

## Marriages

Mr T.V. Magee and Miss L.C.L. Smith-Gordon  
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 30, at the Orangery, Holland Park, London W8, of Mr Thomas Magee, youngest son of Mr Hugh F. Magee, of Santa Rosa, California, USA, and Mrs Jack Smith, of Grants Pass, Oregon, USA, and Miss Louise Smith-Gordon, only daughter of Sir Elwood Smith-Gordon, of London SW10.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Alexandra Borwick and Sanjana and Helena Roy Magee. Mr Varinder Aggarwal was best man.

A reception was held at The Belvedere, Holland Park, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr P.R. de Wesselow and Miss L.S.R. Middleton  
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 30, at St Andrew's Church, Bolan, of Mr Peter de Wesselow, youngest son of Mr Ian de Wesselow, of Shurlock Row, Berkshire, and Miss Laura Middleton, daughter of Mr Harry Middleton, of Newbury, Berkshire, and Mrs Jennifer Middleton, of Chelsea, London. Canon Robert Griffiths officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Georgia and Freddie Oakley, Isabel and Rosie Whitcombe, Alice Neave, Willa Hilditch, Rose Braithwaite, Max Rigby and George Judd. Mr Angus Cameron and Mr Julian Perrier were junior best men.

A reception was held at Belsay Castle and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Legal appointment

Mr Nicholas William Bragge to be a Master of the Supreme Court, Chancery Division, from September 29.



These Ceylon Jungle Fowl form one of 24 paintings of pheasants by Timothy Greenwood which appear in volume 1 of *The Atlas of Rare Pheasants* by Keith Howman, president-elect of the World Pheasant Association, to be published next month by Palawan Press. The company was founded by Simon Draper, a cousin of Richard Branson, and is named after the Palawan Peacock Pheasant, found on the Philippine island of Palawan. Mr Draper breeds ornamental pheasants at his home on the South Downs

## Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Louis XIV, King of France 1643-1715. St Germain-en-Laye, 1638; Johann Christian Bach, composer, Leipzig, 1735; Robert Ferguson, poet, Edinburgh, 1750; Giacomo Meyerbeer, composer, Tondorf, Germany, 1791; John Wisden, cricketer and founder of the cricket annual bearing his name, Brighton, 1826; Victorien Sardou, dramatist, Paris, 1831; Jesse James, outlaw, Clay County, Missouri, 1847; Arthur Koestler, novelist and critic, Budapest, 1905; Russell Hardy, broadcaster, Blackburn, 1936; Freddie Mercury, singer and songwriter, Zanzibar, 1946.

DEATHS: Edmund Bonner, Bishop of London 1539-49 and 1553-59, Marshalsea Prison, London, 1569; John Home, dramatist, Edinburgh, 1806; William McGillicuddy, naturalist, Aberdeen, 1852; Auguste Comte, philosopher, founder of Positivism, Paris, 1857; Charles Peguy, poet, Vallery, France, 1914; Sir Douglas Bader, fighter pilot, London, 1982.

The first American Congress met in Philadelphia, 1774.  
French troops occupying Malta surrendered to the British, 1800.  
William McKinley, 25th American President 1897-1901, was shot in Buffalo, New York, and died on September 14, 1901.  
Arab terrorists killed 11 Israelis at the Olympic Games, Munich, 1972.

## Church news

## Appointments

The Rev Michael Taylor, Vicar, Llansantffraid and Llambard Trefeglwys and Llanurys (St Davids, Church of Wales); to be Priest-in-Charge, Jersey St Andrew (Winchester).

The Rev Dr Jane Tillier, Associate Minister, Fradwell, Gayton, Lincoln and Weston on Trent (Lichfield); to be Priest-in-Charge, Madeley (same diocese).

The Rev Charles Wells, Rector, East and West Horndon in Little Warley and Childerthorpe (Chelmsford); to be Priest-in-Charge, Tillingham in plurality with Dengie and Asheldham (same diocese).

The Rev David Wilson, Vicar, Spring Grove St Mary (London); to be also Area Dean of Hounslow (same diocese).

The Rev Michael Wright, NSM Assistant Curate, West Acklam St Mary (York); has been appointed part-time Chaplain, Bulwer House, Stockton-on-Tees and South Durham Hospice, Bishop Auckland (Durham).

Retirements and resignations  
The Rev Anthony Bartlett, Rector, Hendon St Ignatius (Durham) resigned on health grounds from August 12.

The Rev Anthony Dawkins, Vicar, Felkirk by Brierley (Wakefield) to retire September 30.  
The Rev Leslie Greenwood, Team

## Vicar, Upper Holme Valley (Wakefield) to retire November 2.

The Rev Michael Hawes, Rector, Newburnham w. Nately Scures w. Mapledurwell w. Up Nately w. Greywell (Winchester) to retire September 30.

The Rev Angela Mann, Curate, Marlborough St Mary the Virgin (Salisbury) resigned August 31, with permission to officiate (same diocese).

The Rev John Masding, Vicar, Hamstead St Paul (Birmingham) to retire September 10.

The Rev Gordon McKibbin, Vicar, Great Scauld (Liverpool) to retire October 12.

The Rev Kelvin Randall, Vicar, Beaumont St John w. St Michael (Winchester) resigned; to be Research Fellow at the Centre for Theology and Education, University of Wales, while completing a PhD.

The Rev Kathleen Reale, Priest-in-Charge, Great Scauld w. Lazonby (Carlisle) to retire October 31.

The Rev Angela Walford, Assistant Curate, Boyatt Wood (Winchester) to retire October 31.  
The Rev David Walford, Vicar, Boyatt Wood (Winchester) to retire October 31.

Other appointments  
Sister Fiona Fisher CA, Project Worker, Danescourt House Young Homeless Project, Pontcanna (Cardiff); to be Diocesan Homelessness Officer (Gloucester).

School  
announcements

## Arnold School, Blackpool

The term began on September 2 and will end on December 18, 1997. Lisa Bannister is Head Girl and Alexander Rawlinson is Head Boy. Captain of Rugby and Captain of Cricket, Mr Bill Beaumont, CBE, Mrs Alison Jack, CBE and Mr C. Wooding, BSc, CEng, FRAES, and Mr M. Muschamp, FCA, have joined the Governing Body. New academic staff appointments include Mr Michael Salmon, CBE, Eng, Head of the Design Centre, and Miss Emma Brown, BA, MA, Director of Drama. The term's events include Speech Day to be held at the Empress Beaumont, Winter Gardens, on September 25 with the Very Rev Ken Riley, Dean of Manchester, as the Guest of Honour. Reception for new parents on October 1; the Arnold Music Society, 'Rockin' the Army' Trio on October 12; CCF Field Day on October 17; Autumn Term Dinner Dance on October 17; GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening on October 21; the School Concert on November 12; Open Evenings on November 17 and 18; Oxbridge Parents Evening on November 26; Old Arnoldians' Annual Dinner on December 6; Evensong at Blackburn Cathedral with the Girls Choir on December 6; School Play *The Winter's Tale* on December 10, 11, 12; Parents' Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church on December 14; Junior School Carol Service on December 16; School Carol Service on December 18; Sixth Form Christmas Ball on December 18. During Half Term (October 26-31) the Upper Sixth Geography Field Course will take place in The Netherlands and a group of Historians will visit the First World War Battlefields.

Arnold School, Blackpool, is a registered charity which exists for the education of children. Charity No 526679. Berkhamstead Collegiate School

The Michaelmas Term begins today and finishes on December 18. Niamh Lideau (Revels) is Head Boy and Amy Grundy (Burgh) is Head Girl. Jill Barnard (Ashby), Oliver Matthews (Churchill) and Helen Simons (Nash) are Deputies. Prizegiving takes place on October 9, and the Chief Guest and Speaker will be Lord Northbourne. The Founder's Day Service will be held on October 17 at 11.00am in St Peter's and the address will be given by Canon Arthur Peacocke. The School Carol Service will be held in St Peter's on September 14 at 7.30pm and Certificate Evening on December 15 at 8.00pm. There will be an Open Afternoon for prospective pupils and parents on Friday, September 26, from 2.00pm. For further details please telephone 01442 863236 or 862168.

Bunstead's School  
Term began on September 3 with 460 pupils in the school. Mr R.N. Swarbrick has retired as Second Master and has been succeeded by Mr R.W. Thane. Mr A.J. Deighton-Gibson has become Housemaster of Milestones. The Heads of School are A.J. Gellie (7) and M.T. Hardick (GH). The Rugby XV has recently returned from a hugely successful tour to Australia and New Zealand and is captained by M. Seager (FH). The School Play *Trains to Moscow* takes place from November 24-29 at 7.30pm in Ondaatje Hall. The Choir will tour in the Czech Republic straight after the end of term which concludes with the Carol Service on Friday, December 12. There will be an Open Morning at 10.00am on Saturday, September 13, and those who would like further details are asked to contact the Registrar on 01884 252543.

Dean Close School  
Michaelmas Term began yesterday with Kerrin Masterman as Head of School and Eleanor Rankin and Justin Forbes as his

## Deputies. Mrs Vivien Burroughs

becomes the new Housemistress of Fawley and Mrs Julie Kent that of Mead. There will be Open Days on September 20 and November 15. Examinations for the Sixth form on November 17/18. The New Music School will be opened by Prince Michael of Kent the weekend of November 8/9 when there will be a Gala Concert and Evensong with the return of many Decanial musicians. The Douglas Graham Memorial Lecture will be given by Mr A.C. Eales-White, CBE, OD, on October 21. The Junior Drama Group play *The Real Inspector Hound* is on November 28/29 and the Advent Concert on December 5/6. Term will conclude with Carols by Candlelight on December 9.

Queen Anne's School, Caversham  
Term started on Wednesday, September 3, and finishes with the Carol Services on Tuesday, December 10. Open Day is on Saturday, September 20. All Old Girls and friends of the school are welcome at the triennial service at Westminster Abbey on Friday, October 24. The preacher will be the Dean of Westminster. Please apply to the school for tickets.

Queen's Gate School, London SW7  
The Autumn Term began on Thursday, September 4. Head Girls for the year are Olivia Lamb, Janni Patel and Louise Wilkinson. Open Evenings for 11+ candidates and their parents for entry in September 1998 will be held on Wednesday, October 29, Thursday, October 30, at 6.30pm. Half term is from Monday, October 20, to Friday, October 24. The Carol Service will be held at St Augustine's Church, Queen's Gate, on Thursday, December 11, at 2.30pm and term ends on Friday, December 12.

St Mary's School Ascot  
The Trustees and Governors of St Mary's School are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Mary Breen, MSc, BSc, as Headmistress in succession to Sister Frances Orchard, BVM, Mrs Breen is currently head of the physics department at Eton College. Mrs Breen will be on sabbatical for the Michaelmas term 1998, and will assume office in January 1999.

Wyldcliffe College  
Wyldcliffe opens the new academic year on September 8 with over 775 students. On September 9 WCJS New Dining Hall opens. The new Art School opens September 10; new CCF HQ opens September 30; the 4th new Hall of Residence foundation stone will be laid on October 10.

2. Dr Tony Collins, Headmaster Designate (April 1998), will meet parents. WCJS new Performing Arts Centre opens November 15. Term ends Sunday, December 14.

Wycombe Abbey School  
The Autumn Term at Wycombe Abbey School started on Wednesday, September 3. The Confirmation Service will be taken by the Bishop of Buckingham on Sunday, November 2, at 3.00pm in All Saints Parish Church. The Seniors' Carol Service will be at 6.00pm on Sunday, December 7, for Seniors and will be served at 4.30pm in Big School. The Seniors' Open House Annual General Meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Monday, September 15, at St Stephen's Constitutional Club, Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1. This will be followed by a Cocktail Party at 7.00pm. Applications from external candidates for places in the Sixth Form in September 1998 should be made now to the Academic Registrar, Wycombe Abbey School, High Wycombe HP11 1PE. Applications for Junior School Scholarships in 1998 should be made to the Academic Registrar by December 4, 1997. Wycombe Abbey School (Charity No. 310638) promotes the education of girls.

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When Barnabas arrived and saw the divine grace at work, he rejoiced and accompanied them all to hold fast to the Lord with unshakable faith. Acts of the Apostles 11:23

## BIRTHS

ABI ANTUN - On 3rd September 1997, to George's Hospital, Beirut, to Denise and William, a son, William Jr.

ANDERSON - On August 27th 1997, to Elizabeth and John, a son, Jack Anderson.

BRINSON - On 22nd August 1997 at Burton-on-Trent, to Helen and Stephen, a son, Stephen Brinson, a son, Henry Benjamin Tudor.

BRON - See Anderson.

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## MARRIAGES

BERNARDT-SHAW - Trevor and Vicki Bernardt-Shaw, both of Spa, Wales, take great pleasure in announcing the marriage of their daughter, Alexandra, to Daniel Shaw, son of Dave and Margaret of Spa, Wales, on Wednesday 27th August 1997, at 2.30pm, at the church of St Mary, in Swadlowworth, Weymouth.

DEATHS

BELTON - Harold of Beccles, Suffolk, died peacefully at his home, 22nd August 1997, aged 81 years. Buried at Beccles.

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## OBITUARIES

## GILBERT JAMES KELLAND

Gilbert James Kelland, CBE, QPM, former Assistant Commissioner (Crime) of New Scotland Yard, died in Henfield, Sussex, on August 30 aged 73. He was born on March 17, 1924.

AS TRULY one of the most remarkable policemen of his generation, Jim Kelland had such transparent honesty and integrity when dealing with murky and salacious aspects of crime and vice that any unworthy proposal made in his presence seemed to wither and die almost at once. An unflinching glance was sufficient to silence any such suggestion. His personal virtues enabled him not only to bring to justice many repellent criminals, but to reform some of the most potentially compromising of police operations, and to investigate and prosecute corruption when he found it within the service.

Gilbert James Kelland was educated at Georgeham Church School and Braintree Secondary Modern. He was of sturdy West Country origin, and like many Devon men in wartime, he volunteered for the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. He saw active service principally on aircraft carriers in the Pacific war, but spoke of his extensive war experiences so rarely that one sensed they had involved considerable hardship. He was an unashamed patriot of the old school. On his return to civilian life, he joined the Metropolitan Police at the age of 22.

After the destruction and trauma of the 1938 race riots in Notting Dale, he immediately took charge of the Notting Hill police and his commanding presence, immaculate appearance, humane and fearless enforcement of the criminal law, without fear, favour or prejudice, rapidly brought calm and tolerance to an area

previously considered as unstable as a gunpowder keg.

The reputation Kelland secured at Notting Hill facilitated his rapid rise through the ranks. He was soon a commander in the East End of London, and subsequently appointed commander of Britain's busiest police area, West End Central.

As a deputy assistant commissioner, he was selected by Sir Robert Mark, the Commissioner, to inquire into allegations that police were corrupt in the enforcement of the pornography laws, particularly in Soho. Sir Robert did not seem to think there was much serious corruption, for in his 1973 Dimpleby Lecture, he said: "There have even been suggestions that pornographers buy immunity by corrupting the police. This would be a most unbusinesslike thing to do. It's far cheaper to pay the fine than to incur the expense and risk of trying to bribe a policeman." Unfortunately, his assessment was a rare inaccuracy.

Subsequently, the work of Kelland and his special team of investigators enabled Merlyn Rees, then Home Secretary, to report to Parliament in July 1977 that 74 officers had been investigated, ranging from constable to commander, that 15 had been prosecuted and 13 had been imprisoned. Kelland had brought about this remarkable result without rancour or any unseemly congratulation.

At the age of 53, after 31 years of demanding and varied police service all over London, he was given the job of assistant commissioner at Scotland Yard, and put in command of its criminal investigation department. In those days this included control of every territorial detective serving in London, as well as Special Branch, the Anti-Terrorist Branch, the Fraud and Flying Squads. Not since the days of Lord Trenchard had so many effective and



necessary reforms been initiated and made to work.

Radical changes were effected in the gathering of intelligence about organised crime, domestic and international. Scientific procedures were standardised, and detailed manuals were prepared and authorised. The use of informers in criminal investigations — always a difficult area, particularly concerning armed robbery of banks and post offices — was made effective thanks to Kelland's determination to see that genuine informers were protected and received proper rewards, while corrupt impostors and their cronies were cast out or prosecuted. No dubious method was ever countenanced, even against the most ruthless

and violent of criminals. "Experience tells me that expediency is rarely expedient," said Kelland wisely.

During his period in charge of London's detectives he supervised innumerable murder and terrorist investigations, inquiries into kidnapping and assassinations, whether motivated by politics or pure criminal greed. Kidnap-

ing was the subject of detailed, scientific investigation, and a manual was introduced and strictly enforced.

Kelland concentrated the work of the Flying Squad on armed robbery investigations, which in turn led to great successes against South London criminal families specialising in such crimes. Kelland also understood and practised the art of delegation, winning the loyalty and indeed the devotion of his officers. He always recognised merit in others, and supported his detectives even if they had made serious mistakes, provided they had acted with good intentions. But he was implacable against corrupt policemen. Not without honour, he once said to one of his deputies — who was complaining of an increasingly defective memory — "Losing your memory is bad enough, but remembering things that never happened is worse."

Kelland was also a distinguished sportsman, having been well known as a track athlete. He was chairman of the Metropolitan Police Athletic Club for twenty years, and in 1988 he served on the Amateur Athletic Association's committee of inquiry into drug abuse.

He was appointed CBE in 1978, having been awarded the Queen's Medal five years before. In 1983 he was given the freedom of the City of London. His autobiography, *Crime in London* (1986), was a considerable publishing success.

Kelland served seven commissioners, showing throughout an unsurpassed example of zeal for the public good, together with spotless personal integrity. He possessed great clarity of mind in criminal investigations and prosecutions, moved always by a steady sense of fairness to all, including even the most depraved.

He is survived by his wife, Edith, and by their two daughters.

## JULIAN SANDYS

Julian Sandys, QC, died of cancer on August 15 aged 60. He was born in London on September 19, 1936.

THE THREE strands of Julian Sandys's life were politics, law and his family. That he should be keenly interested in politics was inevitable, for he was the son of Lord Duncan-Sandys and the grandson of Sir Winston Churchill. At the age of eight he stood at his grandfather's side while the great man addressed the crowd on VE-Day. Sandys also named the locomotive *Winston Churchill*, which would later carry Churchill to his final resting place at Bladon.

After Eton, Sandys then spent a year at Salem, after which he completed his National Service. He remained with the 4th Hussars as a Territorial Army reservist, and his loyalty to his regiment was unshakable until the end of his life. He even tried to sign up for the Falklands conflict in 1982, and was disappointed to be told he was too old.

Following a year in Australia at the University of Melbourne, Sandys simultaneously completed the Bar examinations and entered the political arena. He unsuccessfully contested the rock-solid Labour constituency of Ashfield at the 1959 general election, and was called to the Bar that year as a member of the Inner Temple. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1963. In recent years it was business that occupied his time, as he became involved in a number of diverse ventures.

In everything he did, he was notable for careful preparation and thoroughness. When he was at Eton, Churchill wrote to him urging the importance of history, "because knowledge of the past is the only way of helping us make guesses at the future". It was advice that Sandys took to heart, and in conversation he frequently spoke of the impor-

lance of the long perspective.

Outside his career, Sandys took great pleasure in flying small aeroplanes. He obtained his private pilot's licence in 1964, and shortly afterwards was making adventurous trips abroad in his own plane.

He was also passionate about computers, and over the years avidly learnt programming languages in order to be able to write his own programs. He was well read and loved poetry (being able to

recite huge chunks of Kipling and Milton) and was a devotee of the Times Crossword to the last days of his life.

Throughout his life he was essentially a private person, shy and caring, and he never sought to take advantage of his family background. He was deeply loyal to his friends, without ever delving into intimate details of their lives. He abhorred gossip or prurient interest in the activities of others. He will be remembered for the good humour and cheerfulness he brought to life, even through his illness, behaving always with stoical decorum. He saw his struggle in military terms, and said to a friend: "I regard this as a war — not a nice scientific experiment!" Apart from the love and support of his family, he was sustained by his firm Christian convictions. His marriage to Elisabeth Martin in 1970 brought him much happiness. He is survived by her and their four children.

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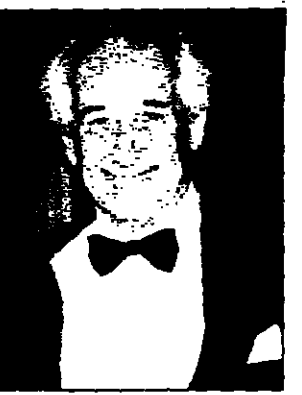
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## YEVGENI GIPPENREITER

Dr Yevgeni Gippenreiter, Soviet Master of Sport in mountaineering, and high altitude, space and sports physiologist, died in Moscow on August 6, aged 70. He was born in Moscow in April 1927.

BRITISH mountaineers who climbed in the Caucasus in 1958 and the Pamirs in 1962 remain grateful to Yevgeni Gippenreiter for his role as an official in the Soviet Central Sports Council in helping to secure their permission from the authorities of the Bulgarian-Khrushchev era, and for maintaining cordial links with British mountaineers during the Cold War. He was elected an honorary member of Britain's Alpine Club in 1984.

Gippenreiter was remarkably successful at dealing with Soviet bureaucracy. As a fluent English speaker, he accompanied Soviet sporting teams abroad in the 1950s as their interpreter, and in 1956 he visited the Alpine Club, with Eugene Beletski, to give an account of Russian mountaineering. Lord Hunt, who had previously been invited to Moscow to lecture on the first ascent of Everest, was keen to develop these informal contacts. He travelled with them on the overnight sleeper to Glasgow, and the three of them sat talking about mountains into the early hours, his guests replenishing their toothmugs with vodka and spooning caviar with the handles of their toothbrushes.



In 1957, the first chink in the climbing Iron Curtain appeared with the visit of Joyce Dunsheath to Elbrus, accompanied by Gippenreiter, while her husband, an atomic scientist, attended a Moscow conference.

The following summer a British group was granted permission to climb in the spectacular Ushba and Bezengi regions of the Caucasus, continuing a tradition begun in 1868 by Freshfield, Moore and Tucker. The group included Hunt and Band from the Everest team, and Brasher, the 1956 Olympic gold medal steeplechaser. As John Hunt later related, Yevgeni had been principally responsible for the trip, and had become a friend to the British.

Gippenreiter started climbing in 1951, and went on to organise international mountaineering camps in the Soviet Union. He climbed Mount Communism and Lenin Peak and was made a Master of Sport. His later contributions

were as a research worker, with a doctorate in biology, becoming a specialist in the fields of top performance sports, high altitude and space physiology. He was involved in the preparation and results of the Soviet Mount Everest Expedition in 1982, and was co-author of *Acute and Chronic Hypoxia* (1977) and *Physiology of Man at High Altitude* (1987). He was a vice-president of the International Society for Mountain Medicine and a member of the medical commission of the International Union of Alpine Associations.

A handsome Georgian with a Stalinesque moustache and an infectious good-humoured gleam in his dark eyes, he was a great talker and an outspoken raconteur.

Recently he had been prepared to record the misfortunes of some of the more prominent Soviet mountaineers who had suffered at the hands of Stalin's secret police.

Visiting England in 1993, he disclosed that his father had been a doctor at the court of Tsar Nicholas II and had been honoured for his services. This meant that by the laws of succession, Yevgeni himself qualified as a member of the reconstituted Russian Nobility Assembly, a connection he would scarcely have mentioned during the Communist era. He was delighted when his membership was confirmed, and overjoyed when he and his wife, Lidia, were presented to the Queen on the occasion of her visit to the Royal Geographical Society to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the first ascent of Everest.

On his last visit to England, last December, he attended the Alpine Club's annual dinner, proudly wearing formal evening dress. He is survived by his wife and their two sons.

Robson Lowe, philatelist and publisher, died on August 19 aged 92. He was born on January 7, 1905.

IN THE sphere of philately there has been a name better known worldwide than that of Robson Lowe — known as "Robbie" by anyone who had spoken to him more than once.

He was regarded as the fount of knowledge not only in the field of adhesive postage stamps issued in the British Empire, but also of the earlier handstruck markings which signified that postage had or had not been prepaid. He virtually created the study and collection of items of postal history. His book *Handstruck Postage Stamps of the Empire 1680-1900* pioneered the study of these markings.

He will be remembered for many things, perhaps mostly for his labours in editing and preparing for publication the six-volume *Encyclopaedia of British Empire Postage Stamps* (1948-90), although to his regret this is incomplete with regard to Southern America and Antarctica.

Among his other books were *The Codrington Correspondence* (1951), which details the postal history of a dossier of letters from Antigua, and *The British Postage Stamp* (1968).

The activity that gave him the greatest personal satisfaction was the acquisition and removal from the market of the stock of the notorious forger Jean de Sperdy, who refused to admit that his productions were anything other than works of art — a view which was a less objectionable term. His two-volume *Exposé of the forgeries* appeared in 1955 and is perhaps his best work.

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## ROBSON LOWE

Lowe was an indefatigable philatelic publisher. In 1934 he started a magazine called *The Raconteur*, which became *The Philatelist* and *Raconteur* and then *The Philatelist* in 1937, after he had acquired the title to a magazine of that name first published in 1866. His most recent periodical publication was *The Philatelist and Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, which last appeared in July 1997.

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# Liquidator of BCCI wins \$2.1bn action

By Jason Nisse

THE liquidators of Bank of Credit and Commerce International have been awarded damages of \$2.1 billion (£1.3 billion) in a Cayman Islands court against Ghailth Pharoan, the fugitive Saudi businessman accused of helping to conceal the bank's problems for 13 years.

After the record judgment Deloitte & Touche, the liquidators, will launch a worldwide search to locate and sell Mr Pharoan's assets. These include a chateau in the Dordogne with an extensive wine cellar, a UK registered oil company operating in Pakistan, property developments in London, Paris and Cannes, and hotels, shipping and construction interests in the Middle East.

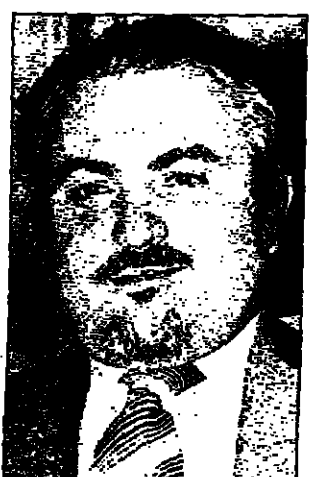
"This is a significant step toward the recovery of damages from Ghailth Pharoan arising from his role in a number of alleged fraudulent conspiracies with companies within the BCCI Group," said Michael Mackey, a partner of Deloitte & Touche in Grand Cayman.

Deloitte & Touche says it may not be able to recover the full amount of the ruling but should secure about \$400 million for creditors of the bank. This will be added to \$4.5 billion already raised, \$2.65 billion of which has been returned to creditors. BCCI collapsed in July 1991 with debts of \$11 billion. A further distribution of about \$1 billion is expected to be made in October.

The liquidators still have three large court actions outstanding — a \$750 million claim against the Bank of England, which was knocked back by the High Court earlier

this year, and two against BCCI's auditors, the first claiming \$1.7 billion from Ernst & Young and the other demanding \$3.5 billion from Price Waterhouse.

Mr Pharoan, who at the height of his business activities in the 1970s operated from lavish offices in London's Berkeley Square, is a fugitive from US justice after being charged with fraud in four states. He is currently in Saudi Arabia, where he fled after a



Pharoan: fugitive

chase where he was reported to have been tracked on his yacht by the US Navy. He is allowed to travel to Syria and has recently been spotted in Pakistan.

Mr Pharoan has been found liable for fines totalling \$37 million by the US Federal Reserve which found him to have been part of a conspiracy to gain control illegally of two US banks, Independence Bank and National Bank of Georgia. Mr Pharoan is appealing against the fines.

The \$2.1 billion damages award follows a ruling two years ago by a Cayman court. It found that Mr Pharoan and his company, Pharoan Holdings, was part of a conspiracy to conceal the ownership of Attock Oil Company, a British group that operates in Pakistan, by a BCCI associate company in the Caymans, International Credit and Investment Company (Overseas).

"The company should have been closed in 1978, but it was actually closed in 1991," said Carmen Genovese, of Deloitte & Touche in Grand Cayman. "The damages cover the fall in the value of Attock and the increase in the deficit at ICIC during those 13 years."

The ownership of Attock was disguised through registering its shares in the names of three nominees, Mr Pharoan, Sheikh Kamal Adham and Faisal Saud Al Fulaifi.

If the stake had been held directly by ICIC Overseas it would have been a breach of the Cayman Islands' banking regulations and would have breached the minimum solvency requirement of banks operating in the tax haven.

The liquidators have been in a battle with Mr Pharoan over the control of Attock Oil for more than five years. Though the company is registered in London and the liquidators have gained Mareva injunctions in London, the Caymans and Bermuda freezing Mr Pharoan's assets, the courts in Pakistan stopped the liquidators from gaining control of the company's assets, which are almost entirely in Pakistan. These are still being run by Mr Pharoan.



John Clare, of Dixons, which has seen an easing in the effects of building society windfalls

## Rate plea by CBI as sales slow

By Philip Bassett  
and Fraser Nelson

GROWTH of high street sales suffered a marked slowdown in August, prompting a plea from business against any further rises in interest rates. The Confederation of British Industry's distributive trades survey said the annual rate of increase in high street sales was, with the exception of May this year, the lowest reported since October 1995.

The trend was confirmed by Dixons, the electrical retailer, whose chief executive is John Clare, and which has about 20 per cent of the UK market. The company said the effect of building society windfalls had begun to ease. Like-for-like sales slowed to 11 per cent in the first quarter, after a 17 per cent rise through May and June.

The CBI survey of around 15,000 high street outlets in wholesaling and in the motor trade, showed that among retailers, 47 per cent reported an increase in sales volumes in August compared with a year earlier. A quarter said they were down.

The resulting net balance of 22 per cent recording growth in sales — those reporting an increase set against those registering a fall — is "markedly" down on the July figure of 35 per cent, CBI analysts said.

Even so, all retail sectors, with the exception of bookshops and stationers, specialised food shops and footwear and leather stores, reported an increase in sales, with hardware, china, do-it-yourself and chemists' stores the strongest.

Sudhir Junankar, CBI associate director for economic analysis, said: "There is nothing in this survey indicating that interest rates need to go up at the moment. There is a slowdown — but the underlying message is that we are still getting fairly stable growth."

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### STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	6991.3	(+14.4)
Yield	3.31%	
FTSE All share	2345.24	(+6.99)
Nikkei	16615.06	(+120.11)
New York		
Dow Jones	7854.69	(-39.95)
S&P Composite	929.09	(+1.24)

### US RATE

Federal Funds	5 1/4%	(5 1/4%)
Long Bond	97 1/2%	(97 1/2%)
Yield	6.50%	(6.50%)

### LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	7 1/4%	(7 1/4%)
Libor long gilt	11 1/2%	(11 1/2%)

### STERLING

New York	1.5857	(1.5870)
London	1.5864	(1.5835)
DM	2.8944	(2.8794)
FF	9.7050	(9.6994)
Sfr	1.4972	(1.5025)
Yen	191.63	(191.74)
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DM	1.8170	(1.8180)
FF	6.1135	(6.1172)
Sfr	1.4972	(1.5025)
Yen	120.75	(120.65)
S index	106.4	(106.5)

### TOKYO CLOSING

15-day (Nov)	\$18.50	(\$18.50)
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### GOLD

London close	\$321.45	(\$322.50)
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\* denotes midday trading price

### Wembley date

Wembley said that it was confident the complex negotiations surrounding the creation of a national sports stadium on the North London site would be resolved in time for the project to commence building in 1999. Page 25

### Motoring

Car sales roared to a record in August as buyers drove more than £5 billion worth of new models out of showrooms. Windfall payments from building societies and a surge in house prices, helped confidence. Page 24

## Signet glistens again

By Jason Nisse

SIGNET, the jeweller formerly known as Ratners, yesterday reported its first interim profit for seven years and gave details of plans for expansion in America that could lead to an acquisition.

The turnaround came against a background of a capital reconstruction that was completed only this week, halving Signet's debts to £214 million and simplifying the complex share structure.

Signet made pre-tax profits of £1.43 million in the 26 weeks to August 2 (£4.16 million loss). Earnings per share were 0.1p (0.2p loss), but there is unlikely to be a dividend this year.

James McAdam, chairman, said that there were a host of opportunities to develop Sterling, the American jewellery side that saw profits grow 16.4 per cent in the half.

Sterling is the second largest player in the US, but has only 4.5 per cent of a fragmented market. It opened a 5,500 sq ft superstore in Denver earlier this year, will open three more this year, and ten next year.

Mr McAdam said: "We will be keeping our eyes open for opportunities. However, he added that there was no rush to make an acquisition."

The figures, which have analysts estimating profits of £65 million for the year, pleased UK Active Value, the shareholder that speaks for 35 per cent of the company.

## Utility Cable gives City warning on profits

By Raymond Snoddy, Media Editor

UTILITY CABLE, the once fashionable cable industry supplier with a high-tech veneer, yesterday issued the clearest possible profit warning that it will be unable to meet City profit expectations.

The company blamed a "rapid downturn in the capital expenditure programme of a number of major UK cable franchise holders".

Luke Johnson, the entrepreneur behind PizzExpress, who has been an enthusiastic purchaser of the Utility stock, is likely to have lost several million pounds at current stock price levels. Utility closed yesterday at 5 1/2 p, down from 7 1/2 p. At one stage the price fell to 4 1/2 p, but rallied as nearly two million shares changed hands, prompting speculation of possible stakebuilding. In the past year the shares reached a high of 27 1/2 p. Mr Johnson will remain a non-executive director.

The company, whose main business is cable TV duct in-

stallation, issued a profits warning at the half-year in May. But although analysts reduced forecasts some still believed that a pre-tax profit of £3.2 million was possible for the full year. The reality is likely to be a loss of between £3 million and £4 million after exceptional restructuring costs. A provision is being made of at least £4 million. At the

trading level the company is profitable with the help of income from non-cable activities such as general utility work for the water, gas and telecommunications industries.

Under a programme of rationalisation, two separate operating divisions are being created. RS Kennedy will specialise in utility contracting and JP Fitzpatrick will continue with cable industry work. Alan Baskfield, managing director of RS Kennedy, said yesterday: "We rose on the hype, but we could not get the market down from it. We can't go forward on the hype any more."

It is believed that once the restructuring programme is complete Utility Cable will be able to return to profit next year.

The company was formed in 1994 through an £8.75 million reverse takeover of Baillie Gifford Technology, a moribund investment trust whose shares had been suspended.



Johnson: "lost millions"

## Casino group had pension fund 'gap'

By Jason Nisse

CAPITAL CORPORATION, the casino group, failed to produce accounts for its pension fund for more than five years and kept records so badly its auditors could not work out whether correct payments had been made.

Despite this the group's auditors, Deloitte & Touche, gave the group an unqualified auditor report and failed to highlight the pension fund problems when signing off the group's flotation prospectus in 1993. The fund has now been wound up and the staff given personal pensions.

The problems with the pension fund came to light last year after a review by Kenneth Thompson and Des Pereira, then acting chief executive and finance director respectively. The two are being sued by Capital, which claims the duo conspired to hamper the company when it was defending itself against a £190 million bid by London Clubs International, its rival.

The review found no accounts had been prepared since the scheme was set up in 1980 when Garry Nesbitt led a management buyout of Crookford's casino. When accounts finally appeared, in April last year, they stated: "The trustee is aware that it has failed to meet its obligations to produce annual accounts for the Scheme..." The trustees were the directors of Capital, including the current chairman, Ernest Sharp.

In its auditor's report, Deloitte & Touche says: "We have been unable to verify that the contributions payable... during the period 1 September 1989 to 31 December 1991 have been deducted from the employees' salaries... due to lack of payroll records."

## Hillsdown to end red meat production

By Chris Ayres

HILLSDOWN HOLDINGS, one of Britain's biggest food companies, is to withdraw from producing red meat.

The company, a supplier to leading supermarket chains, including Tesco, J Sainsbury and Marks & Spencer, is to sell a number of red meat businesses with combined annual sales of about £400 million. Hillsdown said it was already in talks with a potential buyer.

The total price tag for the businesses — comprising Strong & Fisher, Offer-

man, Balck, Fairfax Meadow, Tender-

cut, Poupard, and Firman, the packaging firm — is expected to be about £55 million.

Hillsdown, which has total sales of more than £3 billion a year, denied that the decision was prompted by the BSE crisis that has devastated the British red meat industry.

George Greener, chief executive, said: "We have been pulling out of red meat for about four years because our market position abroad suffers from the presence of co-operatives. BSE has nothing to do with it."

The announcement came as the

company reported a 7.8 per cent rise in pre-tax profits from £51.3 million to £55.3 million for the six months to June 30, on unchanged turnover of £1.5 billion. Earnings per share rose 3.7 per cent from 5.4p to 5.6p, and an unchanged dividend of 2.2p will be paid on January 2.

The company, which produces 2 1/2 million chickens a week, said its poultry division had been hit by a chicken virus called Newcastle disease. The disease has cost the company an estimated £2.5 million, with many chickens having to be put into quarantine or

killed. The company denied that the disease posed any threat to consumers.

Hillsdown said that its furniture and housebuilding divisions had continued to grow, with operating profits rising 31 per cent to £21.5 million, but that its chilled food business had been hit by the strong pound. Hillsdown shares rose 7 1/2 p to 170p yesterday.

The plan to refocus the group began in June with the sale of Hillsdown's carbonated soft drinks and fruit concentrates businesses.

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## Mediakey reveals approach

Shares in Mediakey rose 11½p to 39p after the publishing group revealed that it had received an approach which may or may not lead to a bid for the company.

Mediakey said, however, that the discussions are at "a very early stage" and that a further announcement will be made in due course.

## Caird fall

Caird, the waste control group, saw pre-tax profits fall from £7.9 million to £2 million in the six months to June 30, on sales down from £9.9 million to £9.6 million. The interim dividend rises from 3p to 5p. The shares rose 10p to 78p.

## Manders hit

Manders, the chemical group, blamed the pound for pre-tax profits falling from £2.56 million to £1.18 million in the six months to June 30. The interim dividend stays at 3.1p.

## Payout rises

Swallowfield, the household requisites company, raised pre-tax profits by 11 per cent to £1.46 million in the six months to June 14. The interim dividend rises 10 per cent to 3.3p.

## Fife higher

Fife Indmar, the distribution and engineering group, raised pre-tax profits from £580,000 to £812,000 in the six months to June 30. The interim dividend rises from 1p to 1.10p.

## Shares slide

Shares in Laser-Scan, the computer software and services group, fell 9p to 17½p after revelations of a £498,000 loss before tax in the six months to June 30, against a £125,000 profit last time. Again no interim dividend is proposed.

## G&D down

Gibbs and Dandy, the builders merchant, suffered a fall in pre-tax profits from £350,000 to £270,000 in the six months to June 30. The interim dividend rises 6.7 per cent to 1.6p a share.



Best foot forward: John Church, chairman of Church & Co, the Northampton footwear manufacturer and distributor, saw pre-tax profits rise 10 per cent to £1.37 million in the six months to June 30, in spite of the adverse impact of the strong pound. Earnings rose 15 per cent to 8.4p a share and the interim dividend was up 8 per cent to 3.5p. Turnover was little changed at £36.3 million, compared with £36.8 million

# Sales of new cars accelerate to record high in August

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING EDITOR

CAR sales roared to a record in August as buyers drove more than £5 billion worth of new models out of showrooms.

Windfall payments from building societies, a surge in home prices, and the return of the "feel-good factor" helped to send sales to £25,539 during the month — 25,000 more cars than were sold in August 1989 at the height of the Lawson boom.

But the extraordinary one-month sale also brought a

huge boost for foreign manufacturers, with seven in ten cars registered during August imported. Of the top ten best-selling cars, half came from overseas.

Of the total August sale, 357,769 cars came from abroad. Even leading marques, such as Ford and Vauxhall, are forced to bring in models from overseas. Ford makes its third best-selling model, the Mondeo, in Belgium, while the Vauxhall

Corsa, fifth in the charts, comes from Spain.

If this was to be the last August bonanza, at least buyers ensured that it would be memorable. In spite of the record sales, manufacturers and dealers are increasingly unable to cope with the registration plate change, which squeezes demand for a quarter of all new cars sold in the year into a single month.

The Government will shortly announce the August plate change will be abolished in favour of a system under which there will be two registration letters during the year, probably in March and September.

Ernie Thompson, chief executive of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, said: "The August result can be received in two ways — it is a milestone figure and represents a huge volume of business for the industry, but it demonstrates clearly the absurdity of having more than 25

per cent of annual registrations in just one month."

Dealers sold 35 cars a minute nationwide at the peak. Vauxhall sold out of Astra models fitted with air-conditioning, while Mazda, Mercedes, Land Rover, Chrysler, Toyota and Mitsubishi were among companies that enjoyed a record month.

Ford led the market, taking a 17.6 per cent share of total sales, followed by Vauxhall, second on 13.37 per cent, and Rover with 9.67 per cent.

France's three carmakers — Peugeot, Renault and Citroën — had a fifth of all sales last month, while Japan's eight makers mustered, between them, a 15 per cent share.

Sales of new cars are now up 6.4 per cent in the first eight months, putting the industry on course for an annual sale above two million, although industry executives believe that there could be a slowdown, depending on whether interest rates are increased towards the end of the year.

## Savills forging Far East alliance

By MARTIN BARROW

SAVILLS, the London estate agent and chartered surveyor, yesterday revealed it was discussing an alliance with First Pacific, the Hong Kong property and investment company.

Savills hopes a link between the two companies will generate significant revenue from

the Far East and Australia, with First Pacific clients using Savills in the buoyant London property market.

If the two companies reach agreement, the First Pacific Davies (FPD) property agency subsidiary, which has 18 offices in eight countries in the Far East, would take a 20 per cent interest in Savills, sub-

scribing for new shares "at a premium" to Wednesday's closing price of 116½p. The shares rose 6p to 122½p yesterday, suggesting FPD would invest around £10 million.

Aubrey Adams, managing director of Savills, said: "Globalisation is really happening in the property sector." Savills already derives about

50 per cent of its London business from overseas clients, said Mr Adams.

Discussions with FPD got underway after Savills terminated its US-based joint venture with the Galbreath Company following Galbreath's acquisition by La Salle Partners, a potential competitor.

## Cattles to target bad debtors

By ADAM JONES

CATTLES, the financial services group that lends to low earners often shunned by high street banks, signalled its intention to crack down on defaulters yesterday by acquiring a debt collection agency for £7.7 million.

The group reported pre-tax profits of £17 million for the first half of 1997, up 16 per cent.

The purchase of Lewis Group, a debt collection agency based in Glasgow and Bradford, is being funded through a combination of about £5.8 million cash, plus loan notes and stock.

Lewis traces defaulters nationally, using 750 agents. Eddie Cran, Cattles chief executive, said all bad debts would be transferred to Lewis: "The intervention of a third party often brings results."

Cattles wrote off £6.6 million of debts in the first half of 1997. Lewis will continue to work for other clients too.

Cattles lends sums between £100 and £3,000. The APR can be as much as 150 per cent for small loans where a Cattles employee collects the repayments each week.

An interim dividend of 3.25p, up 16 per cent, will be paid on November 3. The shares fell from 344p to 339½p.

## Chinamaker to focus on America

By ERIC REGULY

ROYAL DOULTON, the fine chinamaker, is to focus on expanding its glass and crystal business in North America now that its UK operations have been reorganised.

Patrick Wenger, chief executive, said: "That is a big market for us. We need to develop it." The company is to sell more glass and crystal in its 52 North American shops and is not ruling out an acquisition there to speed up expansion.

Trading conditions were difficult in the half year to June 30 because of the continuing strength of sterling, which made its products less competitive in foreign markets and cut into tourist sales in the UK. Sales were down 10 per cent in Royal Doulton's five shops in central London. The company still plans to build six more retail outlets in the UK.

Interim pre-tax profits were £1 million, compared with £4.2 million. Excluding exceptional charges of £3.3 million, pre-tax profits were £4.3 million.

Turnover fell 2.2 per cent to £111.6 million. At constant exchange rates, turnover would have been 1.8 per cent ahead. The interim dividend rises 2 per cent to 2.3p.

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## Psion profits hit by production problems

PSION, the manufacturer of hand-held computers, has given warning that production problems with its latest Series Five range will force profits below last year's £16 million, marking the first retreat in full-year figures for six years. The company is phasing out its Series Three model but the late arrival of the Series Five has left no replacement. As a result pre-tax profits fell 38 per cent, to £4.05 million, in the six months to June 30. The strength of sterling cost £3 million of profits as more than half of its sales come from overseas.

Earnings dropped to 3.55p (7.37p) a share. In spite of this, the interim rises to 0.7p (0.65p), due on October 3. The payout will deliver some £115,000 to David Potter, chief executive, who holds 22 per cent of the shares. The shares rose 10p to 337½p, even though BZW, the house broker, cut its profits forecast by another £5 million. It now expects £11 million for the year, against the £22 million forecast in April. These would be the lowest results since 1994. *Tempus, page 26*

## Verity £4.8m deal

VERITY, the electronic equipment group, is to sell 60 per cent of its Wharfedale and Quad loudspeaker and hi-fi businesses to IAG for an effective £4.8 million in cash and loan notes. For the year to June 30, 1996, Wharfedale and Quad contributed pre-tax profits of £1.2 million. At that time, the units had combined net assets of £4.3 million. Verity said that it needed to concentrate on developing flat panel speaker technology. The Premier Percussion business is also being reviewed.

## Senior dividend rises

SENIOR ENGINEERING GROUP sustained the turnaround begun last year by reporting a 29.6 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £21 million from £16.2 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings were 5.04p a share, up from 3.8p. The dividend rises 11.1 per cent to 1.6p. Overall sales were down from £292 million to £239.6 million, but excluding discontinuing business increased by 1.1 per cent. Profits included a £1.5 million exceptional insurance credit.

## Friendly expects sale

FRIENDLY HOTELS, the provincial hotel operator, expects to finalise the long-awaited disposal of its serviced offices division soon. The buyer is an existing serviced offices operator. Friendly pre-tax profits rose 33 per cent to £1.6 million in the 25 weeks to June 15. Earnings per share reached 3.4p (2.8p) and the interim dividend is unchanged at 2.2p. Average occupancy rose from 59.8 to 60.3 per cent and achieved room rate improved from £29.47 to £32.76.

## Shake-ups help Scholl

SCHOLL, the footwear and footware group, has benefited from the shake-ups of the past year and yesterday reported first-half pre-tax profits before exceptional items up 11.4 per cent at £15.4 million for the six months ended June 30. Earnings per share were 12.6p against last year's 11.5p and the interim dividend rises 0.3p to 3.5p. Strongest sales growth came from Footcare, up 11.7 per cent, and Footwear products were up 2.8 per cent. The shares rose 7p to 286p.

## Abbot raises interim

ABBOT, the Aberdeen oil drilling and inspection company, is increasing the interim dividend 25 per cent to 0.8p a share after reporting a rise in pre-tax profits to £7.04 million from £3.5 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings rose to 3.51p a share from 2.04p. The profits advance reflects the first full contribution from KCA Drilling, acquired in November 1996. Alasdair Locke, chairman, said international expansion was likely, particularly in the Caspian area.

## Enterprise buys 100 pubs

ENTERPRISE INNS, the pub operator, is spending £11 million to acquire more than 100 pubs. It is paying £9.4 million for 94 leased and tenanted units from Whitbread and, in a separate deal, a further £1.6 million for eight managed houses from Pubmaster, formerly part of debt-laden Brent Walker. The company is planning to convert the managed properties to tenancies. The acquisitions will boost Enterprise's portfolio to 1,224 pubs. Its shares gained 2p to 234p on the news.

## BTR in £31m disposal

BTR, the engineering conglomerate, yesterday sold its Serck Heat Transfer business to an institutional buyout team, led by NatWest Ventures for £31.5 million. Serck Heat Transfer, which operates in Britain and America, designs and manufactures heat transfer equipment for cooling engines, transmissions, turbines and processes for power generation. In the year to December 31, the business generated sales of £22.5 million. The net assets changing hands are £8.4 million.

## Preston doubles score

PRESTON NORTH END is to start work on a new 6,000-seat stand later this year as the club continues its quest to reach the top flight of football. The Nationwide division two club yesterday revealed a doubling of full-year profits to £113,000 mainly because of a profit of £845,000 on transfer dealings. Promotion to division two last season helped attendance to average 9,400, boosting turnover 34 per cent to £3.8 million. Earnings were 6.54p (5.69p). There is no dividend.

## Kwek Leng Beng

A REPORT (Business News, September 4, "High rollers avert Capital loss") stated, incorrectly, that Mr Kwek Leng Beng, chairman of Millennium & Copthorne Hotels, had lost more than £4 million at Crockfords casino during the first half of 1997. In fact, Mr Kwek does not gamble and has never visited Crockfords. We apologise unreservedly for our mistake.

## Former Tv-am chief organised union lock-out

## Gyngell to quit television

By RAYMOND SNOODY, MEDIA EDITOR

BRUCE GYNGELL, the "Pink Panther" of TV-am, is retiring, for the time being, from British broadcasting at the age of 68.

Mr Gyngell, notorious at Britain's first commercial breakfast station for his enthusiasm for the colour pink and the trampoline in his office, is standing down as chief executive of Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television following the company's takeover by Granada.

The first man to appear on television in Australia when it launched in September 1956, Mr Gyngell said: "No com-

pany requires two chief executives and it was inevitable that I would leave." He will remain a director of Kerry Packer's publishing and broadcasting empire.

Mr Gyngell will be remembered for locking out the unions at TV-am and organising a successful management service that helped to change the nature of industrial relations in ITV — a move that brought him to the attention of the then Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher.

More recently Mr Gyngell and Ward Thomas, his chair-

man, stirred up controversy by refusing to transmit, on grounds of taste and decency, a number of programmes that the rest of the UK were able to watch. These included *Hollywood Lovers* and some editions of *The Good Sex Guide*. While some complained of censorship, Mr Gyngell said Yorkshire received hundreds of letters of support.

Mr Thomas will stay on as chairman of the enlarged Granada Media Group, which provides more than 60 per cent of the programmes to the ITV national network.

## TOURIST RATES

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Australia \$	2.28	2.10
Austria Sch	21.35	19.89
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Canada \$	2.326	2.138
Cypriot Cyp	0.885	0.825
Denmark Kr	11.61	10.72
Finland Mk	9.21	8.48
France F	10.20	9.42
Germany Dm	3.05	2.81
Greece Dr	34.91	31.66
Hong Kong \$	13.10	11.80
Iceland Kr	127	107
Ireland P	1.14	1.05
Israel Sh	5.91	5.28
Italy Lira	275	275
Japan Yen	201.29	188.70
Malta	0.899	0.899
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New Zealand \$	2.65	2.41
Norway Kr	12.35	11.55
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# Present tense for the unions



COMMENTARY  
by our City Editor

You may not have noticed but, apparently, the winter of 1996-97 was "the worst winter of discontent" for many years. The piles of rotting rubbish may have been absent from the streets; the pickets were not assembled outside the nation's hospitals, and transport, generally, kept running. Nonetheless, the employment experts at lawyers Dibb Lupton Alsop are congratulating themselves on the accuracy of their forecast, made this time last year, that the following winter would be a bad one for industrial relations.

There is more than a touch of scare-mongering here. In 1979, when some Londoners were wondering where they might find a modern Pied Piper of Hamelin, the number of working days lost through strikes was more than 29 million. Last year, the figure was just 1.3 million. But as Dibb Lupton Alsop points out, that was more than treble the figure for the previous year. Now, after surveying a mixture of employers and trades unionists, the firm is gleefully predicting that there is worse to come. "Next year will see a further increase in industrial unrest," it trumpets.

Reveling in their pessimism, the lawyers omit from the headlines the information that the survey actually revealed a slight improvement in relationships between employers and unions. But its finding that 66 per cent of trade unions surveyed said there had been an increase in indus-

trial tension over the last year does provide an interesting context for this weekend's gathering of the TUC in Brighton.

Tony Blair has made clear that he will not undo the industrial relations reforms of the previous Government. Nonetheless, business is watching with some wariness to see just how he will treat with the trades unions.

On the issue of trade union recognition, there are growing indications that he may be finding it difficult to please everyone. Firstly, the unions were unhappy when the Queen's Speech made no mention of a Bill to enforce a statutory right to union recognition; then they were appalled with intimations that this was still on the agenda and there would be a White Paper this autumn. Now, the time scale has been put back, with indications that it could be published early next year.

Poor Mr Blair seems to be being buffeted by heavy lobbying on all fronts. The unions are adamant that, if the majority of a workforce want union recognition, an employer should be forced to comply. Employers organisations are equally strongly of the view that companies should not have unions

thrust upon them. For most major companies, the issue is academic, since they already deal with the unions. In the Dibb Lupton survey, 43 per cent of companies claimed a close relationship with their unions and another 54 per cent said they had a workable relationship.

But those relationships could come under more strain, as pay demands continue to grow. Dibb Lupton could have some gory statistics for its next survey.

## U-turn in Kuala Lumpur

It was an extraordinary day even by the standards of Malaysia's maverick Prime Minister. Faced with a plunge in the ringgit to its lowest level since the currency floated in 1973, Mahathir Mohamad yesterday went ballistic. He threatened to use Malaysia's draconian Internal Security Act to arrest local

speculators against the stock market. Enacted under British colonial rule to deal with a Communist uprising in the late 1940s and 1950s, the Act provides virtually for lifetime imprisonment without trial and has never, to anyone's knowledge, been turned against economic enemies of the state.

But, within hours, Dr Mahathir wrenched into reverse. He lifted last week's ban on short-selling of stocks and announced the cancellation of a number of high-profile infrastructure projects, a move which the IMF has long been advising. He added that he would not be sending speculators to jail after all since the crimes of short-selling were committed before it was banned... and before the ban was lifted again.

Dr Mahathir may have relocated his marbles under pressure from a renewed assault by the markets. But it is more likely that he was forced to get his act

together by fellow Asian leaders. It is probably no coincidence that Tung Chee-hwa, Hong Kong's chief executive, was in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. He was talking to Malaysian businessmen over lunch but no doubt found time to have a stern word in the ear of their Prime Minister.

The annual meetings of the IMF and the World Bank take place in Hong Kong in a fortnight and the gathering has long been planned as a showcase for China's steps towards economic liberalisation. Dr Mahathir was in danger of spoiling the show and yesterday's hysterical threat to speculators must have been the last straw.

Dr Mahathir's intemperate outbursts have hopelessly compromised other Asian markets, reinforcing investor panic. George Soros may not be a welcome figure on their shores but calling him a "moron", as Dr Mahathir did recently, did nothing to boost confidence in the

region. Nor did Dr Mahathir's ban on short-selling which played very badly with investors viscerally opposed to any attempt to shackle the markets.

With the Malaysian leader apparently brought to heel, it is tempting to argue that the markets are now a screaming buy. Still, one has to be brave enough to trust Dr Mahathir not to revert to type.

## GEC in need of a confidence boost

Unless institutional investors suddenly discover hidden reserves of machismo, George Simpson will today win shareholder approval for his overly generous proposals for rewarding GEC's senior executives. But he would be mistaken if he were to interpret success in the ballot as a vote of confidence in his leadership.

On the contrary, unless he makes some last minute modifications to the share option schemes, investors may be tempted to make use of the ultimate vote, and sell their GEC shares. For the message implicit in the option scheme is that the company is far from confident about its own prospects. Why

else would it set such undemanding performance targets?

Investors who have had to endure years of under-performance from GEC shares had hoped that Mr Simpson would be intending to offer them something more exciting. But if he will not insist on his executives aiming high, it indicates a suspicion that the potential may simply not be there.

Last year, Mr Simpson himself rapidly agreed to a restructuring of his own bonus scheme after investors protested that, in a £10 million race, the hurdles should be raised beyond knee height. Maybe, having seen rather more of the insides of GEC, the chief executive now regrets that he was so responsive to the objections.

But if he still believes that he can revivify Lord Weinstock's legacy, he needs to move fast to assure investors of his confidence and restore theirs.

## A better way

The WH Smith board correctly refuse to be rushed into appointing a new chief executive. After the hasty departure of the last, they need to get it right this time. But the company should now keep the details of its hunt under wraps. Already Keith Hamill and Stuart Rose have been very publicly rejected for the post. Whoever is eventually appointed, at least two insiders will also be labelled unsuitable. There are better ways to do things.

# Wembley hopeful despite deficit at half time

By ALASDAIR MURRAY

WEMBLEY said yesterday that it was confident that the "complex" negotiations surrounding the creation of a national sports stadium on the North London site would be resolved in time for the project to commence building in 1999.

Wembley was awarded the £240 million project last December, but wrangling over the financing of the development has caused serious delays to the finalising of building plans.

About £120 million in lottery funding has been promised for the project. However, the participating parties - which include the English Sports Council and the football, rugby league and athletics governing bodies - have been unable to resolve how the remainder of the project will be financed.

There have also been disagreements over who would actually own the stadium in the future, with Wembley, which currently owns the site, still considering whether it should be put into trust.

Claes Hultman, chairman of Wembley, said: "There are still a number of important hurdles, but we hope to have a business plan by early next year which will also resolve the issue of ownership."

Mr Hultman's comments came as the company disclosed a half-year loss of £3 million, compared with profits of £7.7 million last year, after the company was forced to take a £15.5 million hit on litigation in the United States.

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But Wembley returned to the dividend list, despite the loss, with a 1p payment due on November 1.

The longstanding lawsuit, which derives from the sale of the Pacer CATS ticketing system in 1991, ended earlier this year in arbitration with the award of damages of £14.2 million against Wembley.

But Wembley said underlying business, which also excludes the one-off gains from Euro 96, showed an improve-

ment, with operating profits advancing 5 per cent to £14.2 million.

Profits from the Wembley complex fell 28 per cent to £5 million mainly because of extra events created by Euro 96. But Wembley Arena also suffered a fall in bookings, in line with the rest of industry, although provisional second-half bookings are ahead of last year.

Profits in the US track venues rose 9.2 per cent to £7.1 million. US greyhound profits also increased marginally to £1.4 million. But profits at Keith Prowse fell 13.4 per cent because of the unflattering comparison with Euro 96 last year, although Wembley said underlying business increased 25 per cent.

Mr Hultman said the company was looking forward to the second half of the year with confidence.

Wembley shares were unchanged at 326½p yesterday. They are trading at a 12-month low after falling from 406½p since March amid continuing concern about the company's prospects.



Nick Irens and David Hudd, chairman, reported solid returns from the health and fitness clubs bought last year

# Vardon invests in health clubs

VARDON, the leisure group that owns the London Dungeon, is to accelerate expansion of the health and fitness business it acquired last year after it reported a maiden first-half contribution of £3.3 million (Dominic Walsh writes).

The company announced yesterday that it had committed £12.5 million of next year's planned £19 million capital

expenditure to developing its Metropolitan and Courtney's clubs where 50 per cent of revenues are membership fees collected by direct debit.

The clubs, bought in July 1996 for £40.5 million, made £3.26 million in operating profit on turnover of £13.8 million. The division is on target to become the biggest of the group's four businesses next year. Nick

Irens, chief executive, said the division had reduced the group's seasonality.

The nine-strong Metropolitan health clubs business, which cost about £2.25 million each to develop, is to grow at the rate of two or three clubs a year. The public sector Courtney's gyms are also being expanded despite uncertainty over the direction of competi-

tion tendering of local authority contracts under Labour.

The acquisition helped group pre-tax profits for the half year to rise from £2 million to £5.1 million while turnover was 64 per cent ahead at £43.7 million.

Earnings per share were 2.8p (1.6p), and the interim dividend, payable on November 14, rises to 0.8p (0.45p).

# Decision soon on Cairn bid

By CARL MORRIS

CAIRN ENERGY expects news within a fortnight of the outcome of its joint bid with Shell for six blocks in the Bangladesh licensing round.

Cairn yesterday reported a rise in operating profits for the half year to £11.0 million (£5.3 million) after a 67 per cent increase in oil and gas production to 14,060 barrels per day, mainly because of the contribution from the Ravva field in India.

Investor interest is focused on the expectation of further additions to reserves from Cairn's Sangu discovery in the Bay of Bengal when two development wells are completed over the next few months.

Bill Gammell, chief executive, said that the company hoped to find further gas reservoirs at deeper levels in the Sangu field. However, he was unwilling to forecast additions to the original estimates of 850 billion cubic feet of gas.

In addition, Cairn is drilling onshore in Bangladesh and six wells are planned at Ravva.

Cairn's net profit for the half year was £3.1 million (£2.5 million). There is no interim dividend.

# WH Smith hunt for chief widens

By ERIC REGULY

THE search for a new chief executive at WH Smith is expected to take several more months in the wake of the company's decision to eliminate Stuart Rose, the former Burton Group director, from the running.

A spokesman said: "The board's main priority is to find suitable candidates. We will not be rushed into making a decision."

The shares rose 6p, to 393½p, on investors' growing belief the management turmoil will trigger the break-up of the company. Some analysts think WH Smith would be worth more if its businesses are sold individually.

WH Smith's nominations committee, comprising four non-executive directors, in-

cluding Majorie Scardino, chief executive of Pearson, decided in late August to drop Mr Rose from the list. A company spokesman said: "He is a very good retailer, but the chief executive's position is a bigger job and requires skills in other areas besides retailing."

Spencer Stuart, the international head-hunting agency, is searching for new candidates in the UK, continental Europe and North America.

Three WH Smith executives are under consideration for the top job: Alan Giles, managing director of Waterstones; Richard Handover, managing director of WH Smith News; and John Hancock, chief operating officer of WH Smith's US business.

# Amec's German losses constrain recovery

By OLIVER AUGUST

AMEC, the construction group, has fully recovered from the building slump in the UK but is fighting a rearguard action in the depressed German market. Sydney Gillibrand, chairman, said: "The outlook for Amec is certainly more favourable than at any time in recent years."

But this outlook excludes Amec's German activities. Mr Gillibrand said: "In Germany, operating losses have increased, reflecting the poor state of the German construction market."

He said: "The board's strategy has been to curtail the level of tendering for new work, and work intake for 1998 is at a much lower level. This will represent a substantial reduction in Amec's expo-



Gillibrand: reducing risk

sure to contract risk in this depressed market."

The group is carrying out a rationalisation programme to reduce the number of offices

from five to two by the end of the year. Turnover in Germany is expected to be almost halved next year.

For the group as a whole, excluding exceptional disposal gains of £24 million, pre-tax profits grew by a third to £16 million in the half year to June 30. The main boost came from the housing division, which includes the Fairclough Homes business.

Mr Gillibrand said: "Improved profitability at Fairclough Homes reflects our efforts to increase margins and return on capital rather than volume."

The interim dividend for the six months was raised by 17 per cent to 1.75p from 1.5p, from earnings per share of 2.7p, up from 1.6p.

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# Strength of sterling leaves mark on Laird

By OLIVER AUGUST

LAIRD, the industrial group, yesterday reported flat interim profits caused by a heavy international investment programme and the strength of sterling. While underlying profit growth was 18 per cent, pre-tax profits nudged up from £34.2 million to £34.7 million.

Ian Arnott, the chief executive, said: "The adverse currency impact of £4.1 million occurred in the sealings and industrial products divisions, which have a particularly strong continental focus."

To diversify its international exposure, Laird is increasing new business start-up costs to £2 million from last year's £500,000. Most of the money is being invested in a sealings plant in North Carolina. Product deliveries have just begun and full volume will be reached next year. The plant will eventually make up 10 per cent of the division's capacity.

Laird is also building a smaller sealings plant in China to supply the growing car market. Its main partner there is Volkswagen, the German carmaker, whose Jetta model makes up 40 per cent of the local market. Mr Arnott said he did not expect the Chinese car market to boom immediately. He added: "We want to have our boot in place for when it takes off."

Laird will also continue to make bolt-on acquisitions in the building, auto and computer sectors.

In the six months to June 30, earnings per share rose to 18.2p from 16.8p. The interim dividend was raised to 5.4p from 4.9p.

# Wetherspoon gets a taste for Paris

By DOMINIC WALSH



Cheers: Richard Pennycook, JD Wetherspoon finance director, left, with Tim Martin and John Hutson

JD WETHERSPOON, the fast-growing pub operator headed by Tim Martin, could soon be exporting its successful formula of music-free pubs serving traditional ales to Paris.

Mr Martin, who expects to open 60 pubs in the next 12 months, said he was keen to look at opportunities in foreign cities with a big expatriate community, and had looked at potential sites in Paris. "I'm told there are more British residents in Paris than in Reading and we've got four pubs in Reading."

He said the company was also eyeing Ireland, although

he was emphatic that the focus would continue to be the UK. In the last financial year Wetherspoon opened 48 pubs, taking its total to just under 200. The company has just arranged a further £100 million loan facility to fund growth.

The company's breakneck rate of expansion since it floated five years ago has prompted calls in the City for Mr Martin to bolster the board. Yesterday he responded to those calls with the appointment of three new executive directors, all internal, and the promotion of John Hutson from operations director to managing director.

In the year to July 31, pre-tax profits rose 34 per cent to £17.6 million on turnover 39 per cent ahead at £139.4 million. Earnings per share rose from 33.6p to 43.3p, and a final dividend of 6.6p will be paid on November 11, making a total of 10p - up 11 per cent.

Mr Martin, who owns a 17 per cent stake, also announced yesterday that there would be five-for-one share split after the annual meeting in November. The shares gained 25p to £14.42½ yesterday, compared to 160p at flotation in October 1992.

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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

# Index marches on despite Merrill Lynch pessimism

MAKE hay while the sun shines was the message going out from Merrill Lynch to its clients as the "thundering herd" continued to take an increasingly bullish view of prospects for investors.

Merrill was telling fund managers yesterday to brace themselves for a major correction on Wall Street by the middle of next year.

Dick McCabe, analyst, expects the Dow Jones industrial average to touch 5,500 before coming to the end of the current bull market cycle and plunging by around 25 per cent (2,125 points) to the 3,375 level. Such a fall would have serious consequences for other financial centres, including London.

Earlier this summer, Merrill began a series of monthly surveys highlighting the views of institutional investors. These indicated a defensive move out of equities into bonds and cash.

There was little evidence of a major correction in London yesterday, however, as equities continued to advance back towards the 5,000 level after four consecutive days of gains.

An early fall of almost 30 points by the FTSE 100 index was quickly wiped out, leaving it to close at its best of the day despite an opening fall in New York. The index ended 14.4 up at 4,991.3 in thin trading that saw 749 million share change hands.

LucasVarity accelerated 8.1p to 205.1p, boosted by the weaker pound. Second-quarter figures, due next week, are expected to see pre-tax profits of the newly merged company come in at around £75 million, making £146 million for the first six months.

Glynwed International also benefited from a weaker currency, gaining 13p to 254p.

Rises were also seen in Tomkins, 5p to 307.1p, Delta, 8.1p to 297.1p, Redland, 6.2p to 298.1p, and Laporte, 13p to 704p.

News of a bid approach lifted Mediatec 10.4p to 39p, where it carries a price tag of £27 million.

Woodward rose 7.1p to 315p and Network Union 2p to 35p. Both will be nice constituents of the top 100 companies next week and are certain to attract the attention of the index tracker funds.

The first signs of slowdown in like-for-like sales growth at Dixons left the shares nursing a loss of 13.1p.



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at 651.1p. Sales in the first 17 weeks of the current year were 11 per cent ahead. Sir Stanley Kalms, chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting that the rate of increase in sales had "moderated" from the exceptionally high levels in the first nine weeks.

Ocean Group stood out with a jump of 16.1p to a year's high of 583.1p after a series of presentations for City fund

managers. The logistics specialist has been upbeat about prospects and is currently sitting on £300 million in cash.

The profits warning from Psion had been widely expected after last month's announcement about production difficulties. After touching 291p the shares bounced to close 10p higher at 337.1p.

A profits warning also left Utility Cable 2.1p lower at 171.1p.

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## MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	7854.69 (-39.95)
S&P Composite	929.09 (-1.34)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	18615.06 (-130.11)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	14199.17 (-514.82)
Amsterdam:	
AEX Index	916.27 (-12.34)
Sydney:	
ASX	2608.5 (-10.5)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	4071.88 (-31.97)
Singapore:	
SEAC	1626.01 (+6.43)
Brussels:	
General	1380.55 (+3.34)
Paris:	
CAC-40	2906.99 (+9.07)
Zurich:	
SIX Gen	1183.70 (+3.28)
London:	
FT 100	3182.3 (+15.4)
FTSE 100	4991.3 (+14.4)
FTSE 250	466.36 (+17.1)
FTSE 350	2401.5 (+7.3)
FTSE Europe 100	2611.67 (-21.3)
FTSE All-Share	2345.34 (+6.9)
FTSE Non Financials	2365.00 (+7.5)
FTSE Financials	125.83 (-0.2)
FTSE Govt Secs	97.22 (+0.02)
Bargains	423.38
SEAC Volume	749,229
US\$	1.5861 (+0.0024)
German Mark	2.8842 (+0.0022)
Exchange Index	100.7 (+0.1)
Bank of England official call (p.m.)	
ECU	1.6621
Gold Price	375.10
RPI	157.5 Jul (3.3%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	156.4 Jul (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

## RECENT ISSUES

Antofagasta CV Us	397.1
Bristol & West PFI	109
Cannell Ltd	136.1
EMI B	115
Fairfield Ent	123.1
GR Holdings	52.1
Galen Holdings	241.1
Helicon Public	30.1
Ionica Group	340
Kingfisher Leisure	175.1
Landround	92.1
Reabourne Merit	108
SBS Group	110.1
Severn Trent B	33.1
Severn Warrants	49
Style Holdings	85
Thorn B	39
Viglen Technology	62

## RIGHTS ISSUES

Dixon Mtrs n/p (235)	36
Gravel n/p (121)	1
Logica n/p (605)	162.1
Pendragon n/p (265)	7.1

## MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Abbot Group	142.1p (+10p)
Abbot Group	272.1p (+15p)
UNO	295.1p (+15p)
SOCO Int	369.1p (+17p)
Business Post	400.1p (+20p)
Photobition	715.1p (+25p)
Psion	337.1p (+10p)
Boot (Henry)	345.1p (+10p)
Laporte	704.1p (+13p)
Markes Spencer	612.1p (+11p)
Johnston	654.1p (+11p)
Vesper Thorny	815.1p (+19p)
Alliance & Leic	859.1p (+14p)
Cobham	792.1p (+16p)

FALLS:	
Stagecoach	867.1p (-9p)
Bass	845.1p (-10p)
Scott & New	735.1p (-9p)
Laser-Scan	171.1p (-9p)
Yorklyde	145.1p (-10p)
Stand Chart	808.1p (-35p)
Swire Pacific	506.1p (-11p)

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## TEMPUS

### Difficult diet

BY RIDDING itself of red meat, Hillsdown hopes to convince investors that it deserves a more fashionable rating. Domestic food producers such as Hillsdown and Hillsdown are the steak and kidney pud of the sector while the likes of Unilever and Cadbury Schweppes have taken on the more fancy allure of *saumon en croûte*. Their respective ratings — multiples of about ten times earnings for Hillsdown while Unilever and Cadbury have shot up to the high teens — have a great deal to do with the current obsession with international stocks. Fund managers are chasing FTSE100 leaders and ignoring the mid-market industrial groups. However, there is more to Hillsdown's lack of style than just size.

Yesterday's presentation to investors was the first in recent memory to have been followed by a share price gain and some

believe that Hillsdown could soon close the rating gap with its big brothers. The new management is paring down the group to a few businesses with the potential for margin growth. This is not before time as Hillsdown food businesses achieve a return on sale well below par with biscuits and canned goods on margins of less than 4 per cent in the half year, while chilled products, such as salads and sandwiches, made only £7 million on turnover of more than £160 million.

Of course, housebuilding is making hay for Hillsdown with the market approaching the peak of the cycle but that will not help. Even the best housebuilders only just achieve double digit earnings multiples. After a half year of declining food sales, the company needs to show evidence of better margins if the rating is to improve.

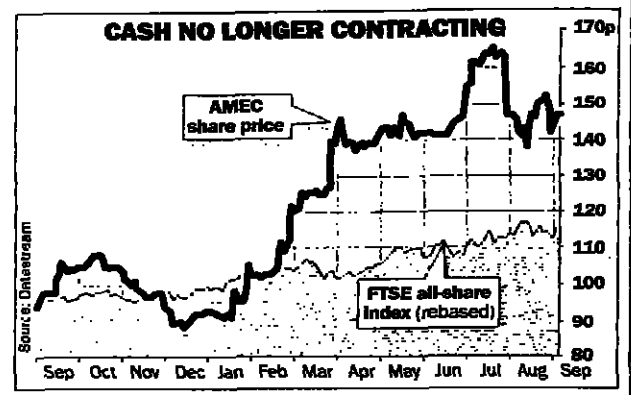
## Amec

AMEC has moved a long way from the trophy-hunting contracting business of the past. The strategy pursued by Peter Mason, chief executive, emphasises long-term outsourcing contracts in preference to stop-go building work. That demonstrates a commitment to better margins as opposed to volume of workload with the encouraging consequence of better cash flow.

Amec achieved a cash inflow of £87 million over the past 12 months, in part a consequence of disposals but some £40 million came from the business, reflecting better payment terms in the building sector. If today's environment allows contractors to extract funds more quickly from clients, there is every reason to hope that better prices will follow and with it

cutting there has a defensive element as the customer. Railtrack will demand price reductions from the renewal of contracts. Amec shares are only trading at ten times 1998 earnings, but less risky housebuilders are trading at similar multiples and there is the immediate concern for the health of Amec's chief executive.

A good slug of the profitability in the first half came from Amec Rail where margins are growing from greater efficiency. However, cost



## Wetherspoon

IT IS not often that a company fails to meet City forecasts and sees its shares rise, but JD Wetherspoon is no ordinary company. Its shares have risen ninefold since flotation and with 200 pubs, the ambition of its founder, Tim Martin, to have a 1,000-strong chain no longer seems a pipedream.

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Analysts were also pleased by the promise of a lower than expected tax charge for the next few years and drew comfort from a return on capital of 19 per cent on freehold pubs and 30 per cent on leasehold outlets. Profits of £23 million in the current year suggest that the shares are trading on a multiple of 26 times earnings. Hardly cheap, but the record supports the rating.

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## COMMODITIES

### LIFFE

COCOA	
Sep	1155.12
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Jan	1155.12
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Mar	1155.12
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May	1155.12
Jun	1155.12
Jul	1155.12
Aug	1155.12
Sep	1155.12

### ROBUSTA COFFEE

Sep	160.16
Oct	160.16
Nov	160.16
Dec	160.16
Jan	160.16
Feb	160.16
Mar	160.16
Apr	160.16
May	160.16
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Jul	160.16
Aug	160.16
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### WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

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Oct	324.34
Nov	324.34
Dec	324.34
Jan	324.34
Feb	324.34
Mar	324.34
Apr	324.34
May	324.34
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Jul	324.34
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Sep	324.34

### MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Beef	111.2
Lamb	111.2
Pork	111.2
Chicken	111.2
Turkey	111.2
Goat	111.2
Sheep	111.2
Calves	111.2
Hens	111.2
Ducks	111.2
Geese	111.2
Guinea	111.2
Swine	111.2
Pheasant	111.2
Partridge	



ECONOMIC VIEW

ANATOLE KALETSKY

# Enjoy the 'sweet spot' now but don't expect a boom

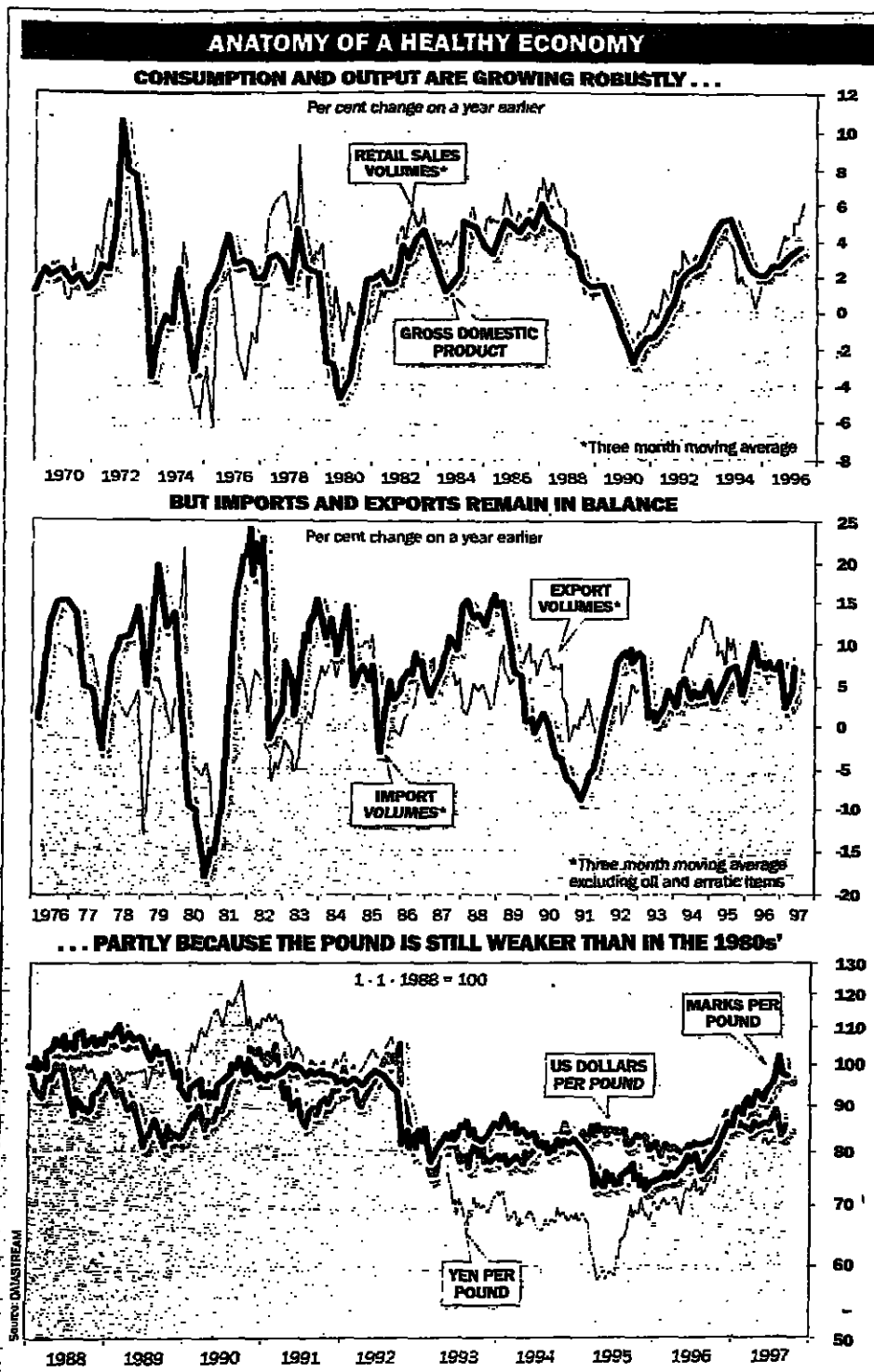
Higher rates or a rising pound are the main threats to the present rosy scenario

This is a tough time for economists, especially in Britain. Our profession has long been known as the dismal science, and with good reason. What economists lack in forecasting ability or practical understanding of business, they make up in grim priggishness. When did you last hear a central banker urging people to loosen their belts or a respectable economist (by that adjective I exclude myself) celebrating a reduction in unemployment? To understand the frustration of economists in Britain, consider the introduction to the latest forecasting paper issued by Geoffrey Hicks, the astute chief economist at NatWest Markets.

Halfway through 1997, and seemingly unnoticed, virtually every final policy indicator — output, inflation, unemployment, the balance of payments and the public sector borrowing requirement — is moving in the right direction. The long-established trade-offs of economics are in abeyance, as rapid growth and falling unemployment co-exist with low inflation and a current account surplus. Is this just a temporary phenomenon, the product of the benign phase of the economic cycle, or is there more going on?

Nobody can be certain, but a reasonable answer is the one given by Mr Hicks — a bit of both. On one hand, the British economy has clearly been in a happy phase of the cycle for the past year or two — what Americans, who are enjoying an even more favourable economic conjuncture, call the "sweet spot". This is the period when employment and output expand rapidly, but inflation and balance of payments problems are restrained by the spare capacity and reserve army of unemployed workers left behind from the last recession.

Britain is still firmly in this phase, despite the ritual admonitions from the dismal scientists about an inflationary "consumer boom" after Gordon Brown's allegedly soft Budget. People in Britain are spending their money and enjoying their building society windfalls, but not in excess, as yesterday's CBI retail survey confirmed. Retail sales in August were not particularly strong, despite the sunny weather and the payment of the biggest windfall, the one from the Halifax, the month before. Part of this deceleration could not doubt be explained by Britons spending their windfalls on foreign holidays, while foreigners stayed away from



Britain because of the high pound. It may turn out, however, that a large part of the windfall spending has already taken place and that the months ahead will actually show a saturation of demand for furniture, appliances, cars and other items which people do not buy more than once every few years. If so, there should be no inflationary pressure from the high street. If the windfall spending shows no sign of abating — and if retailing does rebound after the summer lull — then the Bank of England will not doubt raise interest rates still further, until consumer confidence is finally subdued. At present, it is anybody's guess how British consumers will behave (which, indeed, was a "pause for reflection" in monetary policy). Either way an inflationary boom seems unlikely next year.

In fact, an economic slowdown seems rather more probable than a boom. As long as the slowdown remains brief and modest, it could prove a healthy pause, sweeping away the last remnants of anxiety about inflation and setting the country up for another burst of rapid growth, which would see unemployment fall in the early years of the next decade back to the levels of 3 or 4 per cent last seen in the 1960s. This is obviously the scenario that Gordon Brown dreams of, which is one reason why he has proved such a staunch proponent of central bank independence and fiscal austerity. There is a risk, however, that a deceleration of growth next year could get out of hand, perhaps even tripping the economy into a recession that would see unemployment start to rise. That could prove a disaster for Labour, to say nothing of the people who would lose their jobs.

There are several reasons why the economy could weaken abruptly in the year ahead, apart from the uncertainty over windfall spending mentioned above. Gordon Brown could surprise everyone and actually stick to Kenneth Clarke's spending targets, imparting a deflationary shock to the economy of about £5 billion, equivalent to a 2p increase in the standard rate of tax. There could be a large stock market correction. Or the Bank of England could go much further in the direction of anti-inflationary overkill, raising interest rates to 7.5 per cent or beyond. The most probable culprit for a slowdown, however, would be the strong pound.

The pound has fallen by 6 per cent since its August peak on the trade-weighted index. The Bank has put on record its assumption that sterling is still overvalued by about 8 per cent and last Sunday Eddie George repeated his contention that sterling's present exchange rate "is unlikely to be sustainable". But that is no reason to assume Mr George is right. The record of central bankers and finance ministers in forecasting exchange rates is no better than that of City economists. What, then, if the Bank were proved wrong and the pound jumped back above DM3?

The one thing that is certain is that Mr George would not ease monetary policy merely to undermine the pound. If any shock to the economy of about £5 billion, equivalent to a 2p increase in the standard rate of tax. There could be a large stock market correction. Or the Bank of England could go much further in the direction of anti-inflationary overkill, raising interest rates to 7.5 per cent or beyond. The most probable culprit for a slowdown, however, would be the strong pound.

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The pound rose above its previous highs, therefore, the upward move might well continue to levels not seen since the mid-1980s, at least against the mark and other European currencies. This could produce one of two outcomes.

Many exporters and manufacturing companies that had assumed that the present strength of sterling was a temporary aberration could decide to throw in the towel. Instead of trying to hang on to market share by cutting their profit margins, they could accept a drop in sales, lay off workers and drastically reduce their investment programmes. If domestic consumption were weakening at the same time because of the reversal of the windfall spending effects, the economy could suffer a severe blow.

Alternatively, British manufacturers could learn to live with a relatively strong pound. Some companies would doubtless give up or go out of business if they became convinced that the pound would be permanently ennobled above DM3. But many others would remain competitive, even if slightly less profitable than they were in the golden days when the pound was below DM2.50. Export volumes have so far shown little sign of suffering from the strength of sterling, despite the uniformly grim forebodings picked up by surveys of exporters' confidence.

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That, then, is the good news: either the pound will fall or, even if it doesn't fall, many British exporters may continue to do quite well. There is, however, a dark side to this happy story. If it turns out that British industry is really more competitive than everyone expected, exports will keep on growing despite the high pound. But what, then, is there to prevent the pound going ever higher — to DM3.30 and beyond — until manufacturers and exporters really are driven to the wall? As I am an economist, by profession if not by inclination, it seems appropriate to end on this dismal note.

## Farewell to the golf course as faceless trading is launched

Order-driven deals by computer will renew a revolution that started with Big Bang, says Adam Jones

The London Stock Exchange and its member firms are in the throes of the biggest upheaval since Big Bang. The introduction of order-driven trading will complete the computerisation started in 1986. Big Bang abolished the trading floor in favour of displaying buy and sell quotes on computer screens.

Trades, however, were still executed by telephone, perpetuating the power of market-makers, the middlemen who guarantee that clients such as pension funds can buy and sell easily.

In return for providing liquidity, the market-makers maintain a profitable gap between buy and sell prices, called the dealing spread.

The close relationships between market-makers and their regular clients, cemented on the golf course, make London an infuriating place for outsiders. It is also expensive.

Order-driven trading tackles these complaints by computerising the execution of trades. Buyers and sellers will have their requests listed publicly on an order-book.

These orders sit there, visible to all, until a matching buyer or seller is found. The match need not be exact. If someone displays an order to buy 100,000 Barclays shares at £14.40, and a counter-party wants to sell 50,000 at the same price, half the order is mopped up. This continues until the whole order is filled or the remainder withdrawn.

Order-driven trading in FTSE 100 stocks, on a system called SETS, starts on October 20, although the first big hurdle is on Sunday, with a widespread technical test of the new systems. Given the importance to the UK of London's position as a global financial centre, it is vital to get it right first time.

Earlier this year, MPs were worried that Stock Exchange proposals were a fudge. Order-driven trading was supposed to accelerate publication of trades, adding transparency to the market. The Exchange's plan allowed for too many delays, MPs said.

In a February grilling that occasionally had the air of a 1950s Communist witch-hunt, Gavin Casey, the Stock Ex-

change chief executive, was accused of being in thrall to the market-makers, who were blamed for stifling past modernisation attempts.

Mr Casey used to work for Smith New Court, the market-maker, a fact gleefully brandished by the MPs. Subsequent changes to the plans have vindicated Mr Casey, and silenced those who doubted that the new system would start on time.

After revisions prompted by a management consultancy review, all trades through the order book will now be published immediately on completion.

Since people are not obliged to use the order book, the Exchange is unsure how much will go through it. Some big trades will be arranged, or "worked", privately by brokers to avoid prices moving before completion. About 40 to 50 per cent of trades by value would be consistent with overseas electronic exchanges.

The Exchange says the savings from order-book trading, where dealing spreads tend to be smaller, will soon become clear. Stock Exchange members are taking it seriously. Tens of millions of pounds have been spent on new dealing terminals. Datastream/ICV has emerged as the most popular supplier. With bigger customers such as BZW and Royalblue, the US investment bank, the Woking company has cleaned up.

On Sunday, the data links between the Stock Exchange and members firms will be tested, the first time all have been plugged in together. On subsequent Saturdays, member firms will join trading rehearsals where their competence will be tested. Those who fail to adequately complete set tasks, which include withdrawing all orders after a disastrous news story breaks, will be barred from trading on October 20.

A clumsy trader who accidentally types an extra zero could mop up every buy or sell order displayed for a stock. One dealing-desk head foresees radical consequences. Traders must be continually alert, especially as electronic trading is unlikely to observe the lulls and rest breaks currently enjoyed. "I think the liquid lunches are going to disappear." Traders are more likely to leave on the dot, however, as in the US.

The identity of a buyer will only be revealed to the seller when the deal is struck, and vice versa. The worry that a party may not actually have the stock or the money has prompted the Stock Exchange to create a central fund to reimburse losses from price movements if a deal falls through.

Despite its facelessness and cartel-breaking rhetoric, electronic trading may make friendship between brokers and clients even more important. Institutional investors are considering trading directly in the market. They are not generally members of the Stock Exchange so deals will be made under the banner of a broker.

The broker will be responsible for making sure these satellite trading terminals are not abused. It's the brokers' problem if they don't know their client as well as they should.



Casey: vindicated by changes

## Ulster TV's directors play dangerous game

The directors of Ulster Television, one of the smallest ITV companies, are playing a dangerous game. Led by John McCuckian, the millionaire chairman, they have loaded up on UTV shares in the hope, it appears, of playing a decisive role in the sector's last takeover play.

Mr McCuckian, who controls Ballinamore, a textiles company, and is chairman of Northern Ireland's Industrial Development Board, recently paid £8.4 million for four million UTV shares at 210p.

The purchase raised his stake to about 9 per cent, making him the company's second-biggest shareholder. The other directors bought lesser amounts. The biggest shareholder is Scottish Media,

the ITV and newspaper group. Dawn raids boosted Scottish Media's UTV holding to 18.2 per cent and the group wants to go to 29 per cent.

Scottish Media's purchases were interpreted as a "hands off" sign to the big three ITV companies — Carlton, Granada and United News & Media — which have been gobbling up small ITV franchises.

The purchases by the UTV were interpreted as a get-rich-quick scheme. The one flaw in the scenario is that there is no sign of a contested bid.

UTV may be highly regarded for its programming, but it is a minnow. With an estimated 1.1 per cent of the total television viewing audience and 2 per cent of ITV's advertising revenue, sticking UTV into your TV portfolio will not exactly catapult you into the media big league.

Furthermore, synergies associated with owning several ITV operations have been exaggerated. Analysts say that putting Scottish Media and UTV together would not generate significant cost savings.

Scottish Media argues that controlling an extra 2 per cent is better than nothing, especially when it is trying to create a regional broadcaster with some chance of offsetting the

might of the big three players. Andrew Flanagan, managing director, says: "We don't want a situation where UTV is taken over by someone else. Having two voices in the ITV market is better than one."

Officially, the UTV directors snapped up shares to signal their "confidence" in the future of the company. Unofficially, this means they are confident of a sale at a high price. John McCann, UTV's general manager, said: "We don't care whether we're part of Scottish, Carlton, Granada or United."

The directors should not get their hopes up. Scottish Media has signalled it has no intention of buying shares above its previous purchase prices — the shares were trading yesterday at about 235p — and may not launch an offer for some time, if ever. And no other ITV company has shown interest in UTV.

The reality is that UTV stands every chance of remaining independent until there is a permanent peace in Northern Ireland. Until there is, political pressure will ensure that no British or Irish company will be allowed to own Northern Ireland's only home-grown broadcaster.

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## Mr Yorkshire

THE sad news reaches me of the sudden death at 56 of one of the City's real characters, Patrick O'Reilly, managing director of corporate broking at Charterhouse Tilney. He was taken ill over lunch on a business trip to Yorkshire on Tuesday and died in hospital in Pontefract on Wednesday afternoon. The cause of death is not yet clear, but it appears he suffered a heart attack.

He joined Charterhouse last year after 34 years at Panmure Gordon, where he became known as "Mr Yorkshire" for his work in bringing firms there to the market — his

notations included Spring Ram and Polypipe, the firm he was visiting when he was taken ill. Our sympathies go out to his widow, Georgina, and daughter, Kathryn, who were by his bedside at the end.

GEORGE GREENER, a Geordie, as it happens, arrived as chief executive of Hillsdown Holdings last summer. Hillsdown watchers are wondering whether he brought anything with him. The food group's chickens have been stricken, at a cost of £2.5 million, by a fatal virus. It is called Newcastle disease.

## Building works

I HEAR Canary Wharf may be heading for a welcome boost, the first new building to be started there since before the election. Credit Suisse First Boston, already a tenant down river, is in talks with the operating company about extending its offices. This would require a new building next door to the institution's existing premises at 1 Cabot Square, into which some of its growing workforce would be decanted. A firm contract to build 20 Columbus Courtyard could be signed within the next couple of weeks.

The last new development to be



signed up was the 50,000 sq m Citibank building, designed by Sir Norman Foster and set for completion by the end of 1999, where work started in February. Meanwhile, talks continue between Canary Wharf and the super-SIB, which is interested in 25 The Colonnades, next door to Barclays de Zoete Wedd. Again, expect a decision soon — I understand that if he decides to take the site, Howard Davies's plans for the new body are to start to move in the various junior regulators next spring and have them all under one roof by the end of the year. First, of course, he has to find a name for the brute.

AS KEN CLARKE mulls over an offer to become a director of Nottingham Forest, a touching story reaches

me of his dedication to the football club, even in the most trying times. Nottingham Forest met Queens Park Rangers last weekend, and Ken and Sir Terry Burns, head of the Treasury and a QPR director, were both there. A previous match, at QPR's Loftus Road ground, fell on the afternoon of February 26, 1995, a date well-remembered in the City as the day Barings Bank collapsed.

Clarke, as Chancellor, rushed to the Bank of England for crisis meetings. Also there was Sir Terry. At close to 2pm Sir Terry looked at his watch. He turned to the Chancellor and asked: "Are we doing anything useful here?" "I don't think so," said Clarke, showing rare self-knowledge for a politician. "Let's go to the match then," said the Treasury mandarin. And off they went.

## Going solo

JOHN WRIGLESWORTH, the former UBS analyst and building society expert who joined the Bradford & Bingley three years ago, is quitting as director of marketing to start his own consultancy. The departure of the man who became known as the mouthpiece of mutualism — and who used to refer to converting societies, some of whom will now presumably be courted as clients, as "mutants" — comes after the arrival at the B&B last summer as chief executive of Christopher Rodrigues, fresh from being kicked out of Thomas Cook. Both men share a fondness for per-



Clarke Nottingham Forest fan





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## Equities reverse losses

**TRADING PERIOD:** Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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# Against the current and in the mainstream

For Roni Size and his drum and bass army, winning the 1997 Mercury Music Prize is a means to an end, writes David Sinclair

Naturally, there was surprise and delight on the faces of Roni Size and his group Reprazent when they won the Mercury Music Prize last week for their album *Newforms*. In doing so they had triumphed over such commercially successful and critically approved heavyweights as Radiohead and Prodigy. But, as the dust settles, it is becoming apparent that Reprazent's victory was a landmark in more ways than one.

It was the first time that a rank outsider had won the Mercury Prize, a genuinely impressive achievement, thanks to the scrupulous care with which the judging panel has avoided the pitfall of producing a string of token "alternative" winners throughout the six-year history of the award (past winners include Pulp, Suede and M People).

But it was also the moment at which the revolutionary new form of British dance music called drum and bass achieved a crucial measure of mainstream credibility. "This award has sent out a signal to the industry and to the people that this is a serious music," Size says, with the air of a man who is as keen to spread the gospel of drum and bass as to promote his own record. "We've been fighting for this music for a long, long time. We've had to work hard at making it more accessible, and there have been times when we wondered if anybody understood what we were doing."

More popularly known in its early days as jungle music, drum and bass began in the black dance clubs of London and the South of

England, where its nimble, rapidly mutating, dub rhythmic patterns offered a more challenging alternative to the thud of house and techno. With *Newforms*, Size and his likeminded gang of producer/DJs and vocalists have expanded drum and bass to embrace other musical strands including funk, soul, rap, rave and breakbeat. The result is music that sounds smart, inviting and streetwise, but with a core integrity that is rare in these retro-

“The award has sent out a signal that this is a serious music”

influenced times. Often instrumental, sometimes even mellifluous, *Newforms* is a kind of modern jazz for the 1990s.

Sitting in his record company's offices, his long dreadlocks tied back over his Adidas sports top, Size talks in rapid, passionate bursts of his lifelong passion for music. An innovative composer and producer, he is one of the growing breed of musicians who work in a way that is far removed from traditional notions of "musicianship".

"I'm not really that musical," he

says. "I never really wanted to play a musical instrument. None of us did. In school I couldn't even write a straight sentence and put capitals in the right place, let alone write music on paper. That didn't make sense to me. Music is something that you hear. But when computers came out I realised you could start making music on them."

Now 27, Size was born in Bristol of expatriate Jamaican parents, and began his apprenticeship by hanging out in his brother's recording studio which he helped to build in a council house. Like so many of his generation, the first piece of musical equipment he procured for his own use was a sampler. The first record he recalls lifting a sample from was the old Rufus Thomas song *Do the Funky Chicken*, and the use of sounds and snippets from other records, identifiable or not, remains an essential part of his craft. "We will always sample records," he says. "I'll also sample a squeaking chair or an air conditioner; that's what we're about, that's where we come from."

For Size, the business of playing a conventional instrument is merely the beginning of a much longer process in which the line dividing art and technology has become irretrievably blurred. "I get a drummer into the studio. I record the drummer. I put the bass, tops and snare on to several outputs. I'll mix those down on to another tape. Put them into a sampler. Chop it up into 20 different parts. Add some more processing, put it back down on to a tape with a groove, with a rhythm, re-sample it back, put

some more effects on it... It's still a live drum, but it's just been processed. Do you know what I mean?" Er...

But if this seems a rather complicated and isolated way to work, Size is keen to point out that in the case of Reprazent, the opposite is true. Many of the ideas for songs emerge from studio sessions spent bouncing sounds and rhythms around between the various members of the group, and his conversation is peppered with unstinting praise for his fellow DJs

Die and Suv, MC Dynamite and his closest collaborator DJ Krust, who accompanied him on the interview.

Krust, 29, who was also born in Bristol of Jamaican parents, used to be a member of the group Fresh 4, who enjoyed a brief flush of success in 1989 with the Top Ten hit *Wishing on a Star*. He and Size met when they both applied for the same council-funded music production/young leader job. Together they formed the nucleus of Full Cycle in 1992, and this remains a

separate group identity and record label for their hardcore music and club DJ-ing activities. Having signed to Talkin' Loud Records at the end of 1995, Size formally adopted the name Reprazent for his first recording project and added drummer Clive Deemer, singer Onaltee and bass player Si John to what is otherwise, in essence, the Full Cycle collective.

Rather like jazz acts, the various line-ups and names are kept fluid, allowing maximum freedom for the musicians involved and plenty of

room for confusion among the rest of us.

Size rather bristles at the suggestion that Reprazent is not a real group so much as a one-off project with a potentially limited lifespan. "A lot of people are trying to read the book before it's even been written," he says. "We've only just finished the introduction. Today is Page One."

● *Newforms* by Roni Size/Reprazent is released on Talkin' Loud/Mercury. The band play Victoria Park, London E9 (0171-387 0932) on Sept 12 and 13



The newly honoured Krust (left) and Roni Size of Reprazent: "We've been fighting for this music for a long, long time," Size says

NEW ALBUMS: Even a hit single fails to soften Chumbawamba's agit-prop; plus, a fresh appraisal of Charles Mingus, 1957 vintage

## Top of the po-faced

### CHUMBAWAMBA

*Tubthumper* (EMI 7243 8 59455 £13.99) WITH *Tubthumping*, their rowdy, singalong hit, Chumbawamba, like the Levellers before them, successfully closed the musical circle between the anarchist campfire gathering and the rugby club social.

However, *Tubthumper*, the song's host album, adopts a far more earnest tone while encompassing a bewildering hotch-potch of musical styles ranging from the disco groove of *Outsider* to the heavy metal riffing of *Mary Mary*.

Typical of the pious mood is *One by One*, a hymn-like song dedicated "to the striking Liverpool dockers", which starts: "Pontius Pilate came to our town/Up to the dockyards to see the picket line".

The sleeve notes are liberally augmented with quotes from such noted political thinkers as Leo Tolstoy and John Pilger, while the songs themselves sternly address a shopping list of social issues including racism (*Scapegoat*), class differences (*I Want More*), homophobia (*Small Town*), homelessness (*The Big Issue*) and so forth.

More polemic than pop, *Tubthumper* is an album which also suffers from a depressing lack of poetic wit and, in stark contrast to the hit single, any vestige of humour.

PETER BRUNTNEILL  
*Camelot in Smithereens* (Almo Sounds ALMCD14 £14.99)

AN up-and-coming singer, guitarist and songwriter from Wales, Peter Bruntneill earned encouraging reviews in roughly inverse proportion to eventual sales of his debut album, *Camelot*, released last year.

The follow-up, *Camelot in Smithereens*, should help him to become more firmly established although, rather as with the early Babybird albums, the appeal of Bruntneill's songwriting and hoarse singing style tends to be obscured by the cheap production and his over-enthusiastic use of the soft song/loud song trick.

He is at his best on the title track, a revving, pop-rock tune with a killer chorus, and *Have You Seen that Girl Again*, an acidic love song that betrays a mild Beatles influence. Some-



Do not be misled by the cheery chanting on the hit single, *Tubthumping*: Chumbawamba take life very seriously

one should give this man a proper recording budget so he can show us what he is really capable of.

COLD CUT  
*Let Us Play!* (Ninja Tune/Vital 5 021392 £10.12; two discs £13.49)

STILL best known for their part in launching the careers of Lisa Stansfield and Yaz, the production/DJ team of Jonathan Moore and Matt Black seems to have rather fallen by the wayside in recent years, outflanked by the big beats of the techno mob on the

- TOP TEN ALBUMS
- (1) Be Here Now... Oasis (Creation)
  - (2) White on Blonde... Texas (Mercury)
  - (3) OK Computer... Radiohead (Parlophone)
  - (4) The Fat of the Land... Prodigy (XL Recordings)
  - (5) Mouth to Mouth... Levellers (China)
  - (6) Calling all Stations... Genesis (Virgin)
  - (7) Always on my Mind... Elvis Presley (RCA)
  - (8) Blurring the Edges... Meredith Brooks (Capitol)
  - (9) Spice... Spice Girls (Virgin)
  - (10) Backstreet's Back... Backstreet Boys (Jive)

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● Figure in brackets denotes last week's position

The ranting of punk stalwart Jello Biafra on *Every Home a Prison* lends the project a patina of socio-political relevance, as do the sleeve notes which stray into Chumbawamba territory by listing the contact addresses of a vast array of environmental pressure groups. And Nook's Toilet, featuring the sultry vocals of one Salena Saliva, offers an amusingly jaundiced view of the social habits of the beautiful folk who go to places "where the famous get so out of their face/They die of fatal cocktails, all chemically Mace."

The album comes with a CD-ROM that offers an odd assortment of jerky video clips and abstract designs punctuated by meaningless, floating slogans. The best feature is a neat interactive item called *My Little Funkit* which allows you to mix a selection of breakbeats on to a dinky funk rhythm track. Budding DJs step this way.

COOLIO  
*My Soul* (Tommy Boy TBDCD1180 £13.99)

AT THE end of a summer during which the singles chart has been dominated by the Puff Daddy mafia, it is easy to forget just how little commercial success the gangsta rap fraternity enjoyed in Britain prior to the release of Coolio's groundbreaking *Gangsta's Paradise* in 1995.

But although the trick of combining tough-guy vocalese with an easily remembered soul motif is now commonplace, Coolio still exudes a cool authority and sure-footed musical flair that sets him apart from the crowd on his third album, *My Soul*.

The collection is flagged by the hit single *C U When U Get There*, a morality rap set to a beguiling adaptation of Pachelbel's Canon in D, which is surely the most unequivocal recantation of traditional gangsta values ever recorded. "You've got to face responsibility one day, brother," Coolio insists and, as a married man in his mid-thirties with seven children, he knows what he is talking about.

That said, there is still sufficient menace in the cool, tongue-twisting rhymes of *Hit 'Em and The Devil is Dope* to earn him an "Explicit Content" warning sticker, the consumer protection device without which no self-respecting rap album would be seen (or purchased?).

DAVID SINCLAIR

## Different strokes

### JAZZ

HENRY THREADGILL & MAKE A MOVE  
*Where's Your Cup?* (Columbia 485139 2)

THE instrumentation on this quintet album — leader/composer Henry Threadgill's alto and flute, Brandon Ross's electric and classical guitars, Tony Cedras's accordion and harmonium, Stormy Takeishi's five-string fretless bass and J.T. Lewis's drums — would be remarkable for anyone other than Threadgill.

His previous groups, however, have all drawn — without a whiff of affectation — on various combinations of tubas, cellos and his own saxophones and flutes. By the

same token his music, from his 1970s trio *Air Onwards*, has always privileged timbre and texture over straightforward swing. This album, though, does swing; rock beats, darkly swirling, swampy shuffles and even an arresting mix of reggae and tango are all skilfully exploited to produce one of the most dramatically imaginative — and accessible — recordings of Threadgill's distinguished career.

CHARLES MINGUS

*Mingus Three* (Roulette 7243 8 57155 2 5)

RECORDED in 1957, just before the bassist/composer's masterful *Tijuana Moods* — it contains an intriguing, graceful preview of that album's *Dizzy Moods* — this thoroughly absorbing recording catches Charles Mingus in rare trio mode.

For pianist Hampton Hawes, however, the format was his natural environment, and his characteristic combination of heart-on-sleeve lyri-

cism and hard-edged funk (before the term was popularised) is tellingly complemented by his leader's emotionally expansive, intensely personal, uniquely virtuosic bass playing, and by the briskly assertive drumming of the latter's inseparable musical partner, Dannie Richmond.

The trio's extraordinary amalgamation of *Laura* and *Tea for Two* is worth the admission price alone, but this album, almost playfully idiosyncratic yet uncompromisingly tough, is an unalloyed treat throughout.

CHRIS PARKER

Edwyn Collins says his new album is 'fantastic'. He's right, bless him

## Rock god under the skin

He wrote *A Girl Like You*, an amazing song that made him his fortune, and helped to set up a home studio that feels like a beach hut, perched at the top of a ladder and filled with charity-shop jigsaws and his son's toys.

Although he says the song sprang from the "collective unconsciousness" — like Gershwin and Sondheim

letting Bob Dylan in, because he was a phenomenon and beyond Jewish."

He takes a reflective tot of tea. "But then our country is just as weird as any other." He sighs, before slipping into 1950s jolly advertiser mode, and adding: "As I comment on the title track of my fantastic new LP, I'm Not Following You."

He's not lying about the "fantastic", either.

Some or all of the following adjectives and phrases may be used to describe I'm Not Following You: intelligent, confident, widely read, compassionate, tied to no particular genre, rammed with guitar licks that will light your stereo in a nuclear

shimmer with delight. In an album full of classics, it's hard to pick out highlights. Perhaps *It's a Steal*, wherein this Scottish Calvinist white boy gets as near as he's ever going to to recording a slow jam? Or the Cream-like, wired lament of *Downer*? Or the headspinning fury of the next single, *Adidas World*? This is a song that does not sound as though it was written by a man with 15 years in the music industry behind him.

It sounds like a fidgety, raging crew of 19-year-olds on their second astonishing single. Collins sounds as if he is clawing his way out of a suffocating plastic bag of advertising.

"Oh thank you," he glows. "I wanted that. What very



Edwyn Collins: "A committed vocal performance is metaphysical, it connects with your brain immediately"

few hands seem to understand that production and instrumentation and whatever aren't what make a great record at all — it's the song, obviously, and the performance.

"A committed vocal performance is Esperanto, it's metaphysical. It just connects with your brain immediately. So with *Adidas World* I went straight in to record vocals as soon as I'd finished writing the third verse. I didn't want to get to the point where I really understood what I'd

written, because then you're trying to convey the words, rather than the emotion."

Sadly, it's not even production that most people are impressed by, it's good looks and marketing. But, on a tiny independent label, a man who looks like a cross between Martin Clunes and Ian Hislop has recorded one of the albums of the year. Let's hope the first two facts don't camouflage the third.

● I'm Not Following You is out now on Setanta Records. *Adidas World* will be released on Sept 20

CDs reviewed in The Times can be ordered from the Times Music Shop on 0345 023498







## EDUCATION

### A report claims Labour's plans for schools are off target, says David Charter

Just when the Government seemed to be reaching a consensus on how to transform standards in schools, along comes an economist who turns the whole argument on its head.

Peter Robinson's report *Literacy, Numeracy and Economic Performance* raises a series of questions about the Government's priorities, challenging the key policies of target-setting and raising average achievement.

Dr Robinson, a research officer at the Centre for Economic Performance at the London School of Economics, is no stranger to controversy. His last major paper, *The Myth of Parity of Esteem*, debunked vocational courses by showing graduates earn far more than those with "equivalent" work-based qualifications.

Dr Robinson dares the new Labour Government to match his own "centre-left" vision — success for the 12 per cent of youngsters who leave school every year with no qualifications. They form the "long tail of under-achievement" which has dogged the educational system for decades. His aim will certainly be shared by David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, but his approach may not.

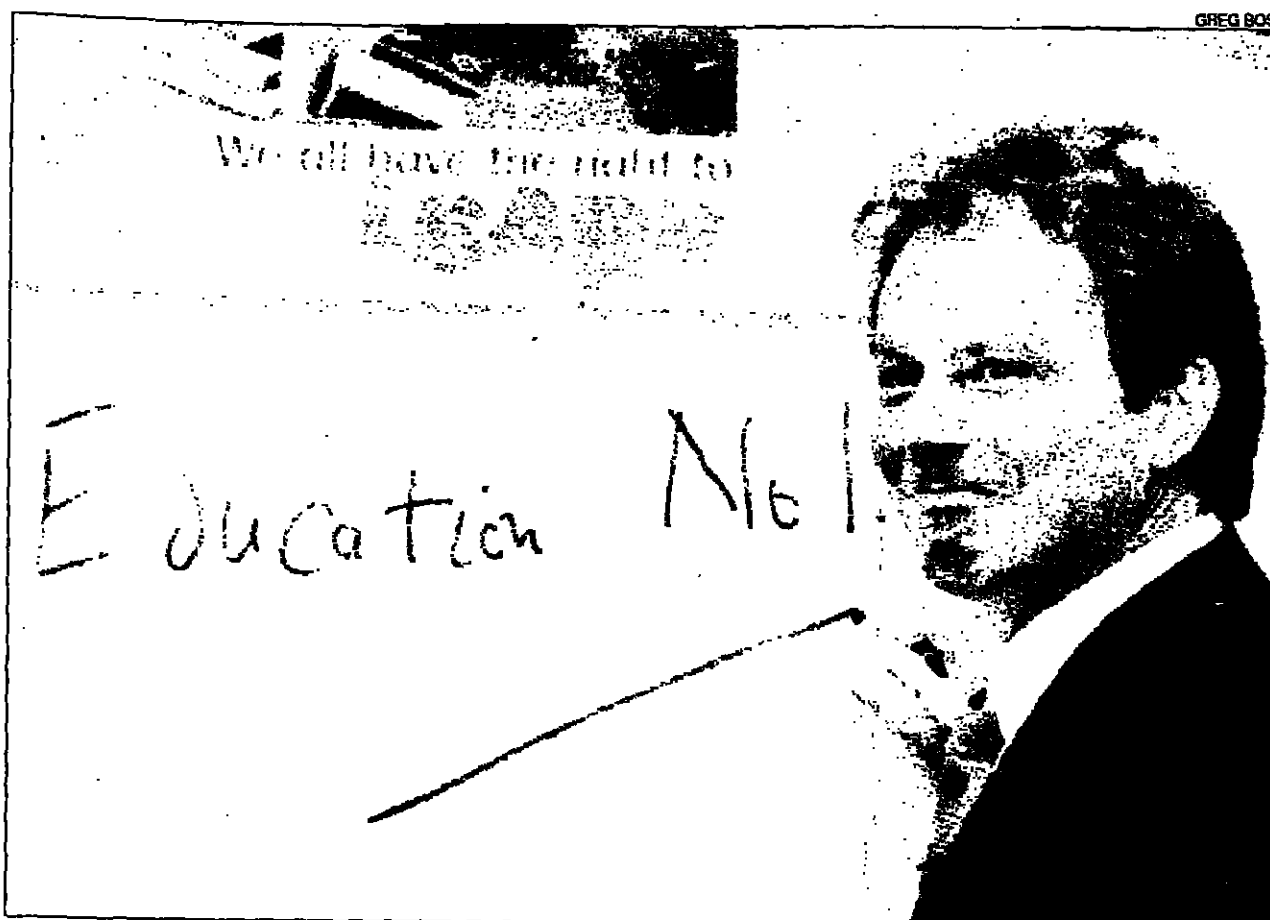
Dr Robinson analyses the role of national tests and targets and concludes that neither are currently helping to solve this problem. He further argues for a concentration on these under-performers by using international comparisons to demonstrate that raising the achievement level of the numerate majority has little bearing on a nation's economic performance. However, on a personal level, reaching average levels of numeracy greatly enhances an individual's job prospects.

The *Excellence in Schools* White Paper published in July states: "The literacy and numeracy targets will be given priority in all policies affecting schools."

Dr Robinson's first attack is on the "muddled" qualifications framework, where he identifies varying ways of describing achievement in GCSEs, GNVQs and tests for 7, 11 and 14-year-olds.

This leads, for example, to the incongruous relationship between performance at 14, where 14 per cent of pupils fail to reach level three of the national curriculum in mathematics, and performance at 16, where 21 per cent do not reach this level at GCSE.

His main broadside is reserved for measures proposed in the White Paper for raising standards. Two major surveys on children born in 1958 and 1970 are used to show the negligible impact on educational achievement of class size, teaching method and homework policy — all funda-



Tony Blair spells out the Government's commitment to education at a summer literacy school in London's East End

## Poverty and not class size holds back the nation

mental to the Government's programme.

Regular analyses of factors influencing attainment are provided by the British Cohort Survey of everybody born in one week in 1970, and the National Child Development Study of 18,300 people born in March 1958.

From the earlier survey, Dr Robinson says: "In the progress in reading and mathematics made by 7 to 11-year-olds, the direct influence of parental social class and educational background was apparent. Children with parents from lower social classes, or whose parents had left school by age 15, made significantly less progress. However, children whose parents recorded an interest in their education fared better."

He adds: "Class size had no effect on pupils' improvement in mathematics and reading between 7 and 11. There was some evidence that hours spent in pre-school education had some impact on mathematics attainment, but this positive influence from pre-school education tends to wash out after 11."

He calls the one important school factor the "peer group effect". "Pupils who were in schools where a high proportion of other pupils came from households with fathers in professional and managerial

occupations tended to make significantly more progress. Mixing with a good quality peer group raised performance for all pupils."

The more recent survey also emphasised the importance of social class and parental interest on children's achievement. Again, neither nursery school, teaching method nor homework policy seemed to have an impact.

Dr Robinson concludes: "Potentially the most powerful 'educational' policy might be one which tackles social and economic disadvantage. A serious programme to alleviate child poverty might do far more for boosting attainment in literacy and numeracy than any modest interventions in schooling."

Dr Robinson accepts a welter of evidence that literacy and numeracy boost personal job prospects and standard of living. But he looks at international comparisons to prove his point that, in generally literate and numerate societies, there is no correlation between success in maths tests and economic performance.

Students from the fast-growing Asian countries of Singapore, South Korea and Japan, came top in an international mathematics test last year.

However, students from the Czech and Slovak Republics and Bulgaria also did very well, whereas in America, the world's most successful economy, and Germany, scores were well below those in Britain.

He further adds: "The two most successful small Asian economies, Singapore and Hong Kong, had in 1985 adult literacy rates of 14 and 12 per cent respectively, rising to 20 per cent for women. Their impressive economic progress does not appear to have been hampered by levels of adult illiteracy."

Dr Robinson highlights the dilemma for primary schools exhorted to meet the proposed national targets (that by 2002, 80 per cent of 11-year-olds will achieve level four or above in their English tests, and 75 per cent at mathematics). He considers the case of two primaries, both with average grades this summer of level four achieved by 57 per cent of children in English and 54 per cent in mathematics.

"School A could achieve these targets by bringing a high proportion of those pupils who currently achieve level three in mathematics and English, up to level four. At the same time, School A could forget about the 12 to 13 per cent of its 11-year-olds who are currently below level three."

"School B could put all of its resources into ensuring that the 12 to 13 per cent currently below level three attain at that level at age 11. As this would most likely involve concentrating on many pupils with special educational needs, this strategy might be more resource-intensive and would certainly present no less of a challenge than School A would be setting itself."

"However, School B would be wasting its time. Even if it achieved measurable progress for the lower attaining 12 to 13 per cent of the pupils, this would not count towards achieving the new national targets. Lack of progress towards these targets could result in School B being branded a failure."

He adds: "Is School A or School B making the greater contribution to achieving any really desirable economic or social objectives? And what does the answer to that question tell us about the proposed national targets for the attainment of literacy and numeracy by 11-year-olds?"

*Literacy, Numeracy and Economic Performance*, from the CEP at the LSE, Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AE

## Become a master of classical Americana

Thanks to one man's commitment, students can do an MPhil about music made in the US, says Darya Alberge

It's hard to imagine, but when Professor Peter Dickinson — pianist, composer and scholar — gave a recital of Gershwin songs on BBC Radio 3 in the early Seventies, the switchboard received many complaints. There was outrage that this American composer was sharing airtime on a station more used to Beethoven, Brahms

of study such as law, politics, literature and history. Interestingly, as it is not an analysis course, it does not require an undergraduate degree in music. "However, this has not handicapped serious investigation of the subject," he says.

The MPhil and PhD in any subject relating to American music are available from this autumn. Suggesting possible areas for

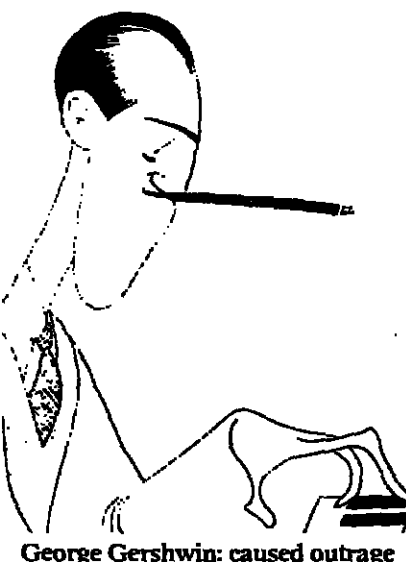
ers — often with the composer in the audience. In 1988, on *The South Bank Show*, Melvyn Bragg acknowledged his contribution with a one-hour documentary. As a composer, his commissions have included a Piano Concerto — which included a ragtime ensemble — for the BBC Proms. His own compositions have been involved with American music ever since he was a student at the Juilliard School in New York.

Ironically, though, American music reflects the nation's polyglot culture, and it is difficult to identify a truly American sound. As the professor says: "The nature of the subject causes conventional boundaries to be crossed — those between serious and popular, improvised and notated, black and white, American and European, oriental and occidental, art and life."

America's melting-pot of races and nations is encapsulated by Louis-Moreau Gottschalk (1829-69), the son of a Jewish-

English father of German descent and a French Creole mother with an aristocratic background. Yet when he went to Paris, hoping to study at the Conservatoire, the Principal rejected him, saying that the only good thing America could produce was steam engines. Gottschalk persevered: Chopin was among his admirers, revering him as a "king of pianists".

Gottschalk, whose writing reflected the inspiration of Creole and Negro music, was the first American composer to achieve an international reputation. He was also the first to write down African-American rhythms — as long ago as the 1850s.



George Gershwin: caused outrage

study, the professor mentions the inspiration of the American musical theatre on British musical writers, or the influence of Gilbert and Sullivan on America — the two-way process. "Initially, the onus is on the student to make a proposal," he says.

Professor Dickinson, who set up the music department at Keele University, with its Centre for American Music, in 1974, has been an advocate of all things American as both broadcaster and performer — with his sister, the mezzo-soprano Meriel Dickinson. They provided some of the first recordings of work by John Cage and Aaron Copland, among oth-

## You gotta have rhyme

Hilary Robinson celebrates the lessons of playground fun



Hopscotch, the kind of game that aids early learning

asked, would tell you that that is where they first heard it. But it is unlikely that this would have been the case if contrary was embodied in some dry text of a storybook. It is the rhythmic nature of the verse that is so appealing to ultra-absorbent young minds.

As a children's book writer,

it would have been easier for me to write in prose — and that was the original intention. But after trying out my stories in inner-city schools, it became clear it was easier to hold the children's attention with reading in verse. Within a short time the children — even those for whom English was a

second language — were reciting the verses verbatim.

I worked with different rhythms and verse structures and found that the insistent rhythm of nursery rhyme chant delivered in simply rhyming couplets was the most effective format within which to embody challenging vocabulary. More complicated verse structure worked reasonably well with Key Stage One children, but the more complicated the format, the simpler the vocabulary needed to be, and my primary purpose was to develop vocabulary in an exciting, yet subliminal, way.

So why is it that authors and publishers do not capitalise on developing those early rhymes and rhythms adored and freely explored by children?

It is simply a matter of economics. The pressure on publishers to secure co-editions to undercut their unit costs is so great that many are reluctant to consider poetry because of translation difficulties. And if the rhyming text embodies humour, because cultural differences can emerge from nation to nation, what amuses a child in Britain may not in, say, Italy or Sweden.

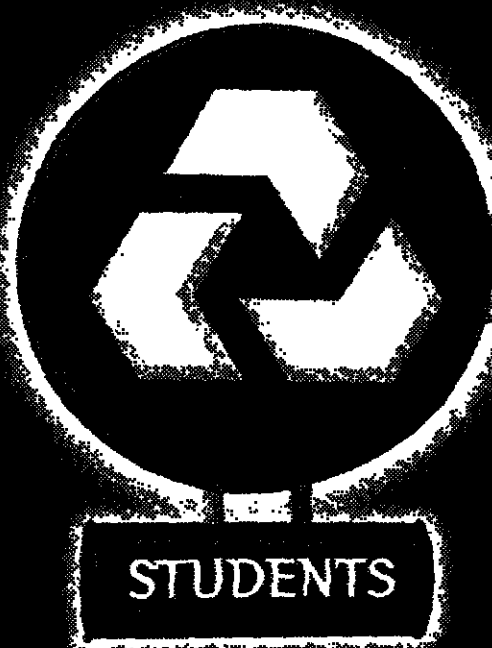
So as the country rings again to the sounds of tuneful chants, perhaps playground duty should be given greater significance. Children may well be learning more than just chapter and verse.

● Hilary Robinson is author of the *Spider Series*, published by Belitha Press.

### GCSE LEAGUE TABLE

Two schools were omitted from last week's GCSE league table. Immanuel College, Bushey, Herts, should have been 319th with 40.7 per cent of entries from 67 candidates at A or A\*; New College, Cardiff, should have been 545th with 27.9 per cent from 36 candidates. New College should have been 380th at A level with an average points score of 6.47.

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## MOTOR RACING

# Fisichella is caught in glare of public ownership dispute

FROM MICHAEL CALVIN IN MONZA

GIANCARLO FISICHELLA had every reason to listen intently as Michael Schumacher outlined the prohibitive price of fame here yesterday afternoon. His boyish face reared with concern as the tales of casual infringement of a champion's right to privacy assumed an inescapable personal relevance.

Fisichella, preparing for his first Italian Grand Prix this weekend, is beginning to understand that he cannot escape the perils of his potential. He is the lifeblood of Formula One, a supremely talented young driver who is becoming the focal point of a nation's passion for motor sport.

Discussions about his future stretched from the High Court in London to the Autodromo Nazionale in Monza yesterday. While the lawyers retreated to their chambers, to refine arguments in the dispute between Jordan and Benetton over his services for next year, he was confronted with the realities of his star status.

"The attention changes your life," Schumacher observed. "I have a comfortable life, but people should not be able to disturb it all the time. They think they have the right to do anything with you, because you are popular. It makes me very, very angry. There is an imbalance there and it is time something was done about it."

Nothing will be, of course. The drivers will still need to travel to the circuit in disguise to escape the attentions of the tifosi, the Italian fanatics who hold overnight vigils outside their hotels. They will never spend a moment at the track without someone, somewhere training a long lens at them.

Fisichella is a callow youth, but also a commodity. His future will influence the lives of others. He has already been

officially announced as a Benetton driver for next season, but Jordan believe they have the right to retain him. His second place in the Belgian Grand Prix 12 days ago merely emphasised the significance of the struggle.

The Benetton lawyers will return to the High Court next week, having asked for an early decision on his availability because the uncertainty generated by the case is having a detrimental effect on the team's search for sponsorship.

Jordan, still under pressure

tipped to be the first Italian to win his home grand prix since Alberto Ascari in 1953.

"They agreed to let me race for Jordan, but say they have the right to claim me back. I know Eddie Jordan [the team owner] is trying to do all he can to allow me to race for him next season. I am happy with that, but, at the moment, I just want to concentrate on my racing. Obviously, this is a circuit I have grown up with. It is one I have grown to love. After Belgium, winning was the obvious objective and I feel we can do well here. I am not getting involved in the middle of the arguments. It is up to others to decide what I am going to do."

As if to prove that careers can be shaped by circumstances outside a driver's control, Mika Hakkinen lost his third place in the Belgian Grand Prix yesterday when a court of appeal sanctioned by the FIA, motor sport's governing body, ruled that he had used illegal fuel. His team, McLaren, was fined £50,000.

The sanction reduced Schumacher's championship lead over Jacques Villeneuve to 11 points, which did little to improve his humour. Schumacher seized a stage-managed opportunity to belittle Hill by suggesting that the world champion would not have been a factor in the drivers' championship this year, even if he had remained at Williams.

Hill, to his credit, refused to rise to the bait. He preferred instead to lobby support for a minute's silence before the qualifying session tomorrow in honour of Diana, Princess of Wales. He said: "I would like us in Formula One to show we are not out of touch with the emotions and feelings of the everyday world."

All too often, as Fisichella will discover, they are.



Fisichella: legal wrangle

to reconsider the recruitment of Damon Hill, feel they cannot lose. They covet Fisichella's potential, but are also fighting to protect the option of selling him. This could become a viable alternative if Hill is prepared to reduce his financial demands, which have led to the suspension of negotiations with Alain Prost's eponymous team.

"My long-term future is with Benetton," admitted Fisichella, whose contentious, ten-year personal management contract with the team principal, Flavio Briatore, has added to the strain of being



Matt Ryan, of Australia, prepares Deltry Connoisseur for the dressage at Blenheim

## Meacham glides into lead

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

KATIE MEACHAM, who competed for Great Britain as an individual in the 1991 European championships on Montana Blue, her former top horse, has taken the lead on Owl Creek at the end of a sunny first day of dressage at the Blenheim Vauxhall Monterey International Horse Trials yesterday.

Meacham's accurate, stylish test on the 11-year-old gelding bought her an unbroken four-year-old from Doncaster Sales has given her a lead of 2.3 points over Nicky McDonnell, on the ten-year-old William Hill. Sarah Bullen, on her majestic gelding, Double Trust, is in second place, a slender 0.2 points ahead of Leslie Law, on Perryfields George.

Surprised and delighted at her leading position, Meacham said she was determined to capitalise on her good

dressage score in the cross-country stage on Sunday. She may have her work cut out. Owl Creek, who did not compete in a three-day event last year, fell at the last fence at Punchestown in May and had another fall at Brockenhurst this summer.

Bullen, who attributes her improved dressage on Double Trust to training from Jennie Loriston-Clarke, her sister-in-law — one of Britain's most successful dressage trainers — has had a similarly chequered career with her ten-year-old gelding. She sustained falls at their first three three-day events — Chantilly and Blair in 1995 and Blarney last year.

At Blarney, he jumped in too big at the water and could not get out so 'headbutted the wall'. Since then, he has

acquitted himself with fourth place at Osberton and a win in the advanced class at the South of England event.

Bullen's main concern is the Keyhole Corner. Fence No 19, where horses have to jump through the 'owl's hole' cut in the middle of the fence. Otherwise, Bullen, in common with many of the riders, regards Mike Etherington-Smith's course as less technical and more of a galloping course than in previous years.

Andrew Nicholson, of New Zealand, who was the runner-up to Mary King last year by 0.15 points, is hardly placed in sixth position on the eight-year-old, New York. The competition continues today with a second day of dressage, in which Mary King, the favourite, Mark Todd, Lucinda Green and the leading United States riders, Karen and David O'Connor, are competing.

## GOLF

## Flying Scot sets out on collision course

IT WAS very much business as usual in the first round of the Canon European Masters at Crans-sur-Sierre yesterday. The scoring was hot and Colin Montgomerie was hot under the collar.

Gary Hamish Orr, like Montgomerie a Scot based in Surrey, was the hottest scorer of all, returning a 61, ten under par, to lead Scott Henderson, yet another Scotsman, by one shot. Montgomerie, the defending champion, was tied for third place after a 65 that left him incandescent with rage.

He missed a short birdie putt at the last and stormed into the recorder's office and thumped the desk so hard that there was an imminent danger of an avalanche. But Montgomerie eventually brought himself to say a few words. "We're given courses that are totally unacceptable to play tournament golf on — again and again and again and again."

All was sweetness and light when Montgomerie had birdies at the first two holes, sinking a 35-footer from the front of the 2nd green, which is in such a parlous state that the Tour's physiotherapy van has been parked next to it. There is not much grass on the green, though like Katisha, the Mikado's daughter, it probably looks all right in the dark with the light behind it.

The Scot has always had a touch of the Tati about him (as in Jacques, the mime artist, rather than the things that go with haggis and neeps) and he amused the crowd with his display of amazement. He even laughed himself.

Montgomerie went out in 32, four under par and Darren Clarke, one of his playing partners, in 33, but they suffered coming home and when the big Ulsterman had a bogey five at the last, for a 67, he was not smiling either. Aldo Casera, the venerable Italian professional, equalled his age with a 78.

## IN BRIEF

## BMW may provide drive for Mansell

NIGEL MANSELL could make a comeback to motor racing with a new BMW team. A German magazine reports that the company is considering developing a car for 24-hour races, possibly with Mansell as driver. An announcement is expected in Frankfurt next week.

Oliver Panis, the French driver who broke both legs in the Canadian Grand Prix in June, returned to the sport this week when he made several runs in the Formula Three car on the Le Castellet track in France.

Rugby union: The Irish Rugby Football Union finalised contracts yesterday with the national senior panel of 35 players, who are believed to fall into five categories. Home-based, full-time elite players will receive £50,000 plus a car, although only Peter Clohesy and Denis Hickie are thought to be in this category.

Other home-based full-time players will receive £35,000 and car; England-based Lions will get £24,600; England-based internationals £14,600 and England-based uncapped players £12,600.

Athletics: Sally Gunnell will make her farewell appearance in competitive athletics in a specially-arranged 4 x 200 metres relay at Gateshead on Sunday. The former Olympic 400 metres hurdles champion announced her retirement at the world championships in Athens last month.

Speedway: Gary Havelock, the captain, and his two Bradford team-mates, Joe Screen and Mark Loram, have agreed to ride for Great Britain in the second international against Australia at Swindon on Sunday. They had refused to take part.

Windsurfing: Nik Baker, of Great Britain, gained two early victories to increase his overall lead in the Holsten Pils PWA British World Cup at Brighton yesterday.

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## FOOTBALL

# Rib fractures rule Sheringham out of Moldova tie

By MATT DICKINSON

ENGLAND'S World Cup prospects were dealt an untimely blow yesterday when Teddy Sheringham was forced to pull out of the squad to face Moldova with two fractured ribs.

The Manchester United striker arrived at Bisham Abbey this week complaining that he was finding it hard to breathe and his absence has certainly left Glenn Hoddle, the coach, as well as Alex Ferguson, his club manager, with problems with crucial games looming.

Sheringham is out of action for the next three weeks, ruling him out of World Cup qualifiers on Wednesday, as well as United's opening European Cup Champions League trip to Kosice on September 17. Of mounting concern to Hoddle will be whether the forward will be ready for the likely decisive fixture with Italy in Rome on October 11.

The England coach bemoaned the fact that he had been deprived of his fifth potential captain, talking of a jinx that afflicts those handed

the armband, but that will have been a secondary concern compared to losing a second leading striker, with Alan Shearer sat at home nursing his ankle injury.

"Teddy's injury is a big, big blow," Hoddle said. "So much has been said about the SAS of Shearer and Sheringham and now we have lost both through injury. That has been the scenario over the last 12 months, it has never been plain sailing. Seven players pulled out of the first game in Moldova and that seems to have carried on over the last year. But we will have to overcome it as we have previously."

Hoddle revealed that Sheringham had picked up the injury more than ten days ago in Manchester United's game against Leicester City and had played with it ever since. The players' determination to make an impact at Old Trafford after his £3.5 million transfer from Tottenham Hotspur this summer had persuaded him to grit his teeth and play through pain. There was no chance of that

happening on Wednesday night, however, once a bone scan revealed what an X-ray in Manchester had failed to detect.

"Some people have been saying Teddy has not been playing as well as he might recently and this is obviously one of the reasons, because he did it ten days ago," Hoddle said. "There is no one to blame because Manchester United did an X-ray and it didn't show up. The full picture wasn't painted to them because I think Teddy, being at a new club, did not want to make a big thing of it. That obviously shows a heck of a lot of character, because he was in pain. When he turned up, he was suffering simply when he inhaled."

At least with the relatively weak opposition of Moldova — beaten 3-0 by England a year ago — to face, Hoddle will not have to take too many deep breaths himself before plotting how to cope without Sheringham. The first dilemma will be who to play up front from five candidates — Ian Wright, Les Ferdinand, Emile Heskey, Stan Collymore and Paul Scholes. Hoddle indicated strongly yesterday that Scholes, after his outstanding performance in the summer tournament in France, will be given some kind of starting role, although that could be lying between midfield and attack.

His second consideration will be to whom he will give the captaincy, although Hoddle joked that he may delay his decision until moments before kick-off to avoid losing another experienced player. "Teddy was certainly one of the options for captain but the role seems to be injured. Now we have Les Shearer, Tony Adams, Stuart Pearce and Paul Ince is suspended. I will need to put my thinking hat on again. We have lost the experience of more than 200 caps and you need that in international football."



Scholes, who made his debut the previous week, celebrates after scoring the second England goal against Italy in France in June

## Hoddle lets Scholes lighten the gloom

Oliver Holt, football correspondent, listens to the England coach praise an emerging talent

He was pilloried at the time, criticised from all sides about the futility of subjecting a squad of tired FA Carling Premiership players to what they said would be a meaningless Tournoi de France. Yesterday, though, when Glenn Hoddle broke the bad news about Teddy Sheringham's absence from the World Cup qualifying tie against Moldova next Wednesday, that bout of French leave earlier in the summer gave the England coach some solace amid the despondency.

Hoddle talked about Sheringham, of course, said what a loss he would be to the country, especially against the backdrop of the injuries to Alan Shearer and Robbie Fowler. Then he warmed to a new theme, a paean of praise for the young player who was the outstanding success of the Tournoi and who now seems certain to play a more pivotal role against Moldova. For the next ten minutes, Hoddle devoted himself to a eulogy of Paul Scholes.

Scholes made his England debut as a substitute in the friendly against South Africa at Old Trafford last May, but it was in France, where he scored against Italy on his first full

appearance and set up a goal for Ian Wright with a fine pass, that he emerged as a possible England star of the future, someone who looked completely at home on the international stage.

Scholes might have played against Moldova anyway, probably tucked in behind a front two of Sheringham and Ian Wright, but now he may be pushed further forward to partner the England forward. Whatever position Scholes plays, Hoddle left his listeners at Bisham Abbey yesterday in little doubt of the high regard in which he holds him.

"I saw enough in the first day's training before the South Africa game to know that he was a real talent," Hoddle said. "His debut was sensational, and ever since, he has got better and better. He is a mature player for his age and he and Nicky Butt and David Beckham have started the season well for Manchester United."

"Scholes has got an added bonus in

that he can play off the front men. He is very astute off the ball. He can make good runs and he can finish. He picks things up very quickly."

"He can do a little bit of everything. He is a solid little player, a good tackler, too. He will put his foot in when he needs to. That ball he put through for Wright in the game against Italy, it was a Platini ball that one. For a youngster of 22, he is a mature lad — just like the other Manchester United boys."

"They have all learnt from being around better players than themselves from a young age. Paul has shown that, too. It has just taken a little bit of time for him to hit the headlines."

Scholes started the season in the United first XI as Alex Ferguson, the manager, juggled his side. Even though he has been left out on occasion, now that Beckham has been restored to the starting line-up, he is at last being given the playing time that was denied him at the start of his

career and prevented him from getting an earlier call-up to the national squad.

"We wanted to bring him in earlier," Hoddle said, "but he just was not playing for United enough. He was having niggling problems with his breathing, but Alex and Brian Kidd [the United first-team coach] kept saying that they really rated him and that we had to keep an eye on him. They said this had got vision, good feet and could finish."

"In the end, we just had to wait until he had got a little bit of experience playing for United so that I could justify bringing him into the squad. It is hard to know what sort of category to put him in. It is tempting to say he is like a little Alan Ball, because of the appearance, but I think he is more like Zola really. He has really got everything going for him."

"I have come to the conclusion that you are a lucky coach if you have got four players who can play in three different positions because that is so important in tournaments like the World Cup. Paul is one of them."

Suddenly, what could have been a day of total gloom at Bisham Abbey had taken on a rosier hue.

## Paganin and Ince reunite at Liverpool

LIVERPOOL appear to have won the race to sign Massimo Paganin, the Internazionale defender. Paganin, 27, is expected on Merseyside today to discuss personal terms after the clubs agreed a fee, believed to be around £3.5 million.

A spokesman for the Italian club said: "An agreement between the two clubs has been reached. We have accepted Liverpool's bid. Now all we are waiting for is the player to decide his future."

Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, has twice flown to Italy to watch Paganin. After Neil Ruddock suffered a knee injury on the opening day of the season, Paganin's friendship with the new Liverpool captain, Paul Ince, seems to

have been instrumental in Liverpool's move for the Italian. They played in the same Internazionale team last season. Paganin's arrival may lead to the departure of Jason McAteer, the out-of-favour wing back.

Tony Yeboah, the out-of-favour Leeds United striker, is likely to sign for SV Hamburg on Tuesday after agreeing personal terms. The £1 million transfer had looked in jeopardy after what Jeremy Fenn, the Leeds managing director, described as "unexpected further developments". However, the Ghana international has now resolved any differences he had with the German club and is expected in Hamburg early next week for a medical.

## Mulhall's new boys start well

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL  
By WALTER GAMMIE

HALIFAX Town go into action against Yeovil Town at The Shay tonight lying third in the Vauxhall Conference behind Morecambe, the only other team with an unbeaten record, and Southport, who have played a match more.

"The good thing about it is that we've played five games unbeaten and four of them have been away from home," George Mulhall, the Halifax manager, said. "When you consider that the club lost its first match 6-0 at Stevenage last season and we only ensured our place in the league on the last Saturday, it's very nice to be so high up."

For Mulhall, who took over in partnership with Kieran O'Regan last season, Halifax's early form offers signs that their summer recruitment has borne fruit.

Last season, we simply gave away too many goals and the priority was to sort out the defence," Mulhall said. Of last season's back four, only Paul Stoneman remains. The newcomers, Andy Thackeray, from Rochdale, Pete Jackson, 36, from Chester City, and Mark Bradshaw, from Macclesfield Town, have shown welcome solidity. Behind them, Lee Martin has been beaten only twice after being rescued from Rochdale's reserves.

Back in Halifax's colours is Jamie Paterson, sold to Falkirk after the club dropped out of the Football League three years ago and bought by Mulhall from Southport.

Mulhall admits that he was surprised to be called upon by Halifax for a second spell after two years in charge 25 years ago, when the club was in the old third division. "I thought I'd retired from the job," he said. "I'm 61, after all."

Future prosperity rests on continuing negotiations over the transfer of ownership of The Shay from the local council to the club as part of a deal in which the stadium would be redeveloped to also house Halifax Blue Sox rugby league team. Meanwhile, Mulhall is not getting carried away. "If we're unbeaten after 15 matches, Kieran and I might have a beer," he said.

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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CRICKET: BOLD SURREY RALLY FOILS GLAMORGAN'S HOPES OF THREE-DAY VICTORY TO IMPROVE CHAMPIONSHIP PROSPECTS

# Thorpe restores glimmer of hope

BY SIMON WILDE

THE OVAL (third day of four): Surrey, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 90 runs ahead of Glamorgan

GRAHAM THORPE, who owed Surrey a few runs, dug deep into his reserves of mental energy yesterday to produce by far his most valuable championship innings of what has been an emotionally demanding year for him. A fighting second-innings century, occupying five hours and still unfinished, has kept alive his county's hopes of staying in the title hunt by pulling off an unlikely win over the leaders.

If they manage that today, they will have Thorpe to thank, because when he batted himself to the wicket shortly before lunch, Surrey had already lost two other England players, Stewart and Butcher, in reducing their substantial first-innings arrears of 234 by nine.

## Dowman impresses in landmark innings

TRENT BRIDGE (third day of four): Nottinghamshire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, lead Hampshire by 125 runs

ANOTHER authoritative innings by Matthew Dowman, who reached 1,000 runs in a season for the first time in his career, has given Nottinghamshire the opportunity to leave their opponents at a target to chase today (Ivo Tennant writes). It was further evidence that Dowman, who scored 62 to add to his 74 in the first innings, must have a good chance of going on the England A tour this winter. Hampshire had declared in arrears after an innings that included three half-centuries, of which Uda's was the most fortuitous — he was dropped three times — and Laney's the pick.

For most of the day the ball came through at an even height, but the odd one lifted

The dire situation only strengthened the belief that Surrey would lose in three days. Earlier, they had bowled woefully as, in 85 minutes, Glamorgan added 75 runs much as they pleased, 50 of them to Thomas. That outcome looked even more likely when, two overs after lunch, Ratcliffe pushed forward to Croft and was taken low at slip by Cottee. Surrey were then 32 for three.

Yet, roused from their slumber of the previous seven sessions by Thorpe's full-blooded resistance to a hostile Waqar Younis, Surrey fought back hard for the remainder of the day. By stumps, Thorpe was unbeaten on 140 and, by dint of a succession of productive partnerships, Surrey were 324 for six, 90 in front.

Thorpe has experienced a roller-coaster ride in recent months. Last winter, he scored successive Test centuries in New Zealand, but the tour was

marred for him by revelations in a tabloid newspaper about his private life. This summer, he was voted England's best player against Australia, despite hitting a mid-series trough that jeopardised his place. Runs for Surrey were few. He did not score a championship century until last week, against Sussex.

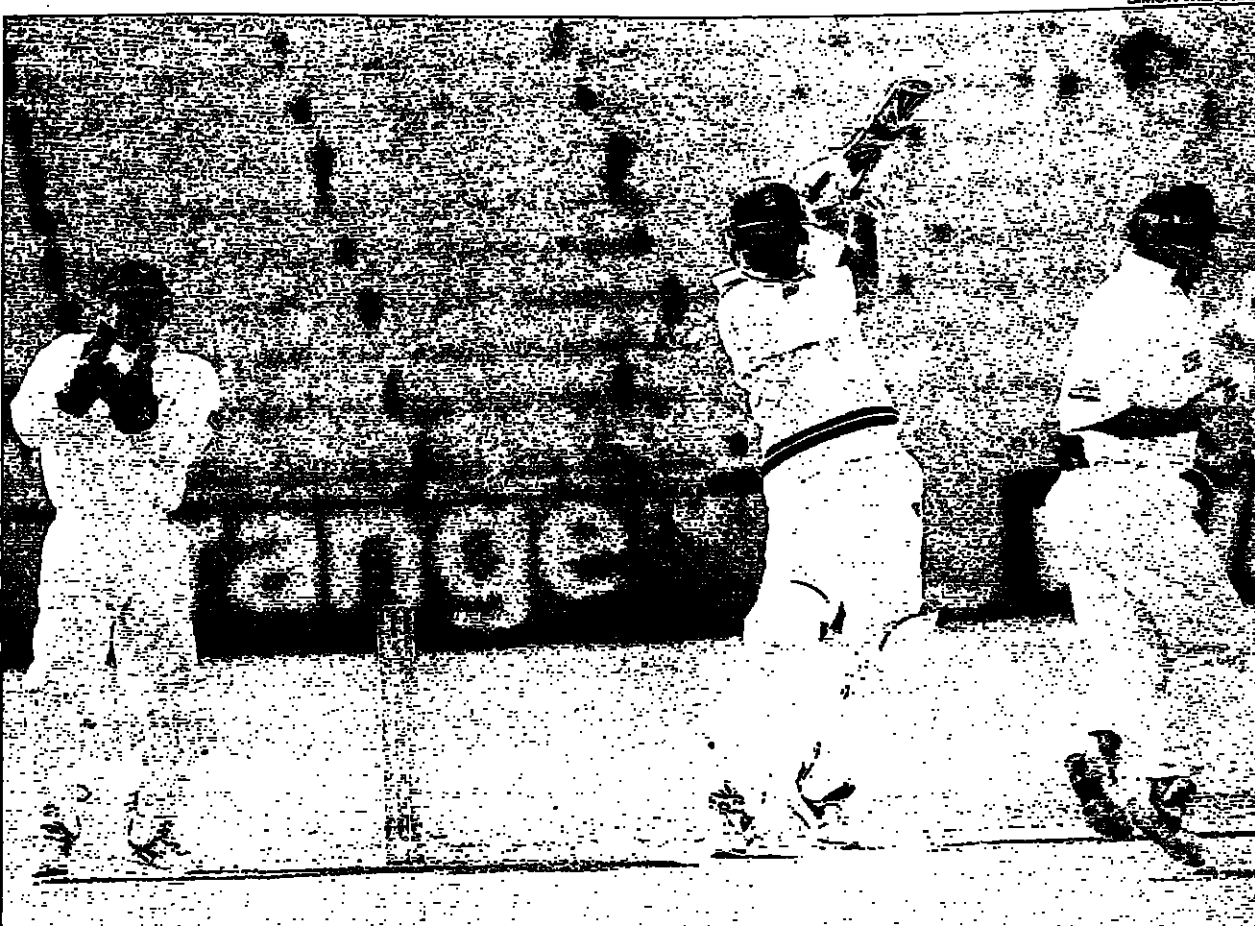
Yesterday, though, he scarcely put a foot wrong and his positive approach rubbed off on his colleagues. Waqar, in his fastest spell directly after lunch, tested him with a series of bouncers, but Thorpe remained unruffled and authoritatively dispatched him to the boundary several times.

This prompted Brown into launching an assault on Croft, whom he drove into the pavilion for six in one over, and struck for three successive fours in the next. They had put on 63 at a run-a-ball when Brown was run out for 41 in cruel fashion, Thorpe's drive deflecting off Cosker's hand into the non-striker's stumps.

However, by then Surrey had gained momentum and they maintained it as Adam Hollis contributed 65 to a fifth-wicket stand of 120 before Waqar, returning for another quick spell after tea, had him leg-before.

Moments later, the Pakistani might also have accounted for Ben Hollis and Thorpe, but both edged wide of slips. Thorpe was also reprieved on 88 when Cottee failed to cling on to a sharp chance to his left off Croft. Thorpe and Ben Hollis stayed to add 49 for the sixth wicket and Saqlain Mushtaq then joined Thorpe in an unbroken stand of 60 for the seventh.

Johnson, the Nottinghamshire captain, rotated his four seamers, two of whom, Bowen and Tolley, were rewarded with their county caps. Hampshire declared when 31 runs behind, whereupon Dowman crashed the ball around once more. His half-century came off 46 balls and included nine fours, with the pull much in evidence, before over-ambition cost him his wicket.



Hick, the Worcestershire batsman, forces a drive through the covers before falling for 57 at Headingley yesterday

## Byas may reflect on missed opportunity

HEADINGLEY (third day of four): Worcestershire, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 188 runs behind Yorkshire

YORKSHIRE'S diminishing prospects of winning the county championship for the first time since 1968 will recede even further in the first session today if Worcestershire score the 39 runs now required to avoid the follow-on (Richard Hobson writes). This remains a good batting pitch and, if it comes to a fourth-innings chase, then the visitors have cause for optimism.

Should they pass the immediate target of 352, then Byas, the Yorkshire captain, will reflect on a missed opportunity yesterday. Gavin Hamilton had removed Hick for 57 with the first delivery of his second spell and induced an edge from Haynes, the new batsman, four balls later. Byas, however, split the low catch at

second slip and Haynes offered no second chance to record his sixth half-century of the season.

Haynes put on 94 for the fifth wicket with Leatherdale before Sterm lifted morale by removing both men when well set. Leatherdale offered a catch to silly mid-off via his pad and Haynes, on 62, was stumped by Blakey when he appeared to lose his bearings. Rhodes, though, defied the county of his birth and is close to a fifty of his own.

Although Worcestershire took advantage of attacking fields to force the ball through the gaps, their progress seemed sedate in the wake of an onslaught by Craig White. When Byas declared on 501 for seven, White had assumed total mastery over Illingworth, who could only vary his flight in vain. One over alone went for 25 and White hit seven sixes and 20 fours in an unbeaten 171 in 167 balls.

## Atherton offers brief relief for Lancashire

OLD TRAFFORD (third day of four): Lancashire, with four second-innings wickets in hand, need 138 more runs to beat Essex

MICHAEL ATHERTON produced one of his better performances for Lancashire yesterday, but it was still not enough to dispel the air of gloom hanging over Old Trafford in its last championship match of the season (Pat Gibson writes).

Essex had given Lancashire the chance to take their minds off the turmoil behind the scenes after the departure of the chairman, the chief executive and the treasurer, by forfeiting their second innings and setting them a victory target of 351 in a minimum of 135 overs.

It was never going to be easy on a pitch on which only Stuart Law, the gifted Australian, had been able to score freely. Yet, as long as Atherton was there, playing with more

freedom than he has done for months, it did not seem impossible.

Atherton had played himself in by scoring 24 of the 39 Lancashire made in their first innings before declaring 350 runs behind and he looked a new man when he went in again to pass 50 for only the third time in the championship this season in a little more than two hours with seven fluent fours.

Then, having struck such for one more boundary to take his first-class output for Lancashire to 375 in 12 innings, he was caught at slip and the innings began to fall apart. Wood had already been caught behind off Danny Law, Fairbrother. Lloyd and Crawley succumbed to the spin of Such and Grayson and only some strong-arm stuff from Austin, who thumped 50 off 65 balls with five fours and three sixes, delayed Essex until today.

## Brown's display condemns Durham

BY MICHAEL AUSTIN

CHESTER-LE-STREET (third day of four): Durham, with five second-innings wickets in hand, need 174 runs to avoid an innings defeat against Warwickshire

WITH perfect timing, Dougie Brown laid more impressive statistics before England's selectors, reaching 73 first-class wickets this season to condemn Durham to an almost inevitable first home championship defeat of the summer.

Brown took three first-innings wickets and two in the second, as Durham followed on and batted with more conviction. They needed to do so after a woeful performance against a challenging attack on a helpful pitch.

Durham were initially dismissed for 118 in less than three hours, with Brown contributing three for 28, the other features of the innings being three-wicket returns for Allan Donald and Ashley Giles, together with the flawless wicketkeeping of Keith Piper.

Two athletic catches, the first at full stretch to dismiss Martin Speight and the second, low down, to oust James Boiling, were augmented by his stumping of Michael Foster, the top scorer.

Foster's valiant strokeplay ended with an inappropriate wild heave when occupying the crease was Durham's priority. Others batted too loosely and David Boon was caught in two minds whether or not to play a stroke to Graeme Welch. He did, as an afterthought, and bottom-edged the ball into his stumps.

Boon, having absorbed the lesson of being indecisive, led the second-innings challenge to Warwickshire's authority, sharing Durham's biggest partnership of the match, 53 for the fourth wicket with the splendidly dogged Speight.

The wanton waste of wickets still prevailed with Robin Weston being run out by Donald's remarkable direct hit from short first leg, while lying on his back.

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## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

In the last few Refreshers, we have been looking at play at trick one. Sometimes the bidding alerts us to the necessity of an unusual play. Look at the following hand:

Dealer North		North-South game	
		♠ Q 10 5	
		♥ A K 3	
		♦ K Q 10 7 6	
		♣ K 2	
♠ 9 3	N	♠ A J 8 7 2	
♥ 8 5 2	W	♥ Q J 4	
♦ A 9 4	E	♦ 8	
♣ 8 7 4 3	S	♣ Q 9 6 5	
		♠ K 6 4	
		♥ 10 7 6	
		♦ J 5 3 2	
		♠ A J 10	

Contract: Three No-Trumps by South. Lead: nine of spades.

You have nine tricks: one trick in spades, two in hearts, two in clubs and four in diamonds once you have knocked out the ace. The problem is that you do not know who has the ace of diamonds.

Suppose, first, that East has that card. Now your best play would be to play low from dummy on the first spade and win in hand with your king. When East wins his diamond trick he will not be able to cash his spades. The trouble with that is if it is West who has the diamond entry, he will play a second spade through dummy's Q10 and East will cash four tricks in the suit.

Suppose instead that West has the ace of diamonds. Now you are best to duck the first spade, letting West win his nine. You win the spade continuation (it does not help East to win his ace and continue the suit). Now when

you knock out the ace of diamonds West does not have a spade to return. On the other hand, if East has the diamond entry he will get in to cash his spades.

What can be done?

Try playing the queen of spades at trick one. If East ducks you have a second stopper in the suit. If East wins he cannot continue the suit without letting you make a second trick with your ten. Whatever he does you will have time to come to your nine tricks.

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Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in *Sport* and in the *Weekend* section on Saturday.

### WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

**DETANT**  
 a. A Scottish tenant  
 b. Part of a gun-lock  
 c. Waiting at law

**EXARCH**  
 a. A flying buttress  
 b. From the beginning  
 c. An overseas governor

**EXSILIBATION**  
 a. Stage hissing  
 b. Exile  
 c. Flaying

**DIESIS**  
 a. Daily  
 b. A musical interval  
 c. Draining blood

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## KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

### Kasparov Denial

The world chess champion, Garry Kasparov, has firmly denied rumours from France that he is to contest a world title match against Anatoly Karpov at Compiegne over October and November. "Nothing could be further from the truth," his representative announced. Apparently, Kasparov is not free to play at the announced time, has not been consulted about the number of games and has no financial guarantees for the prize fund. Kasparov's statement concluded: "This charade has gone far enough and we believe that Mr Stroe (the self-announced organiser of the match) and the city of Compiegne should cease using Garry Kasparov's name in this irresponsible fashion."

### Beijing Winners

Top scores after the final round of the tournament in Beijing were as follows: Altermann 7/9; Tiviankov 6.5; Van Wely, Oll and Atalik 6. Jon Speelman, of Great Britain, was amongst those on 5.5. Here is a further sample of play from the tournament.

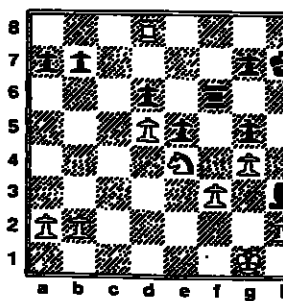
White: Lin Weiguo

Black: Landa

Beijing, September 1997  
 Queen's Gambit Declined

1 d4	d5
2 c4	e6
3 Nc3	Bb4
4 Nf3	Nf6
5 Qd4+	Nc6
6 Bg5	O-O
7 e3	h6
8 Bb5	Cxd6
9 Be2	dxc4

### Diagram of final position



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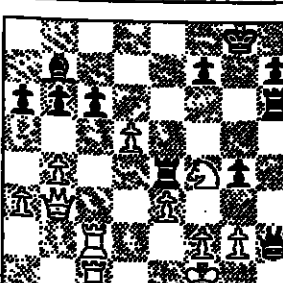
The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from International Grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99+p&p).

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### WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Tchutchev - Meijers, Holland 1997. The black major pieces are swarming dangerously around the white king. How did Black make the most of this?



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# Mandela runs risk of rejection

The eleventh hour has arrived in Lausanne. It is, unenviably, the 25th anniversary of the day Palestinian terrorists killed 11 members of the Israeli team at the Munich Olympic Games and, explosively, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has chosen today to decide which of five cities will stage the Games in 2004.

All appears quiet, save for the murmurings in the corridors that Rome retains its position as favourite, a position that emanated from its favourable report by the Evaluation Commission months ago.

There are those who look to President Nelson Mandela, who addresses the IOC membership in room 280 at the Palais de Beaulieu at 10.30 this morning, to prove that one man's remarkable oratory, his emotion and his African cause can swing sufficient votes to take the flame to Cape Town.

There are others suggesting that Athens, despite the eerie lack of attendance for the some

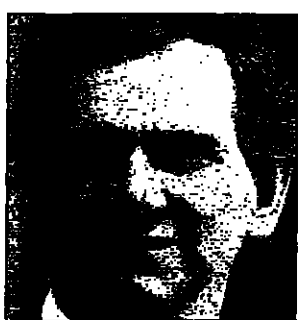
days of the world athletics championships this summer, is gaining ground on the basis of a feeling of guilt among the IOC — guilt at having shunned the opportunity to take the Centenary Games back to Greece and instead delivering them to that soulless centre of Coca-Cola, Atlanta.

However, who is guilty? When you look around the members these days, there is a fresh spring in the stride. There are more familiar faces, former competitors such as Vera Caslavskaya, Jean-Claude Killy and Guy Drut, younger members who remember the dynamism of competition.

Given that Stockholm has built its plea as the city where the athletes can best perform, the city with the clean ecological environment, who is to say that the 22 first-time voters, nearly a quarter of the IOC, will not heed the word of the athletes and defy the sound of the bombs?

Athens this week became the second of the five candi-

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on the race to stage the 2004 Olympics.

date cities after Stockholm to be targeted by anarchist violence. Juan Antonio Samaranch, the venerable father of the Olympic movement who was yesterday re-elected for a fourth term as IOC president with a mandate that carries him to his 81st year, has struck a chord in saying that Olympi-

ans will not be moved by violence. He also, thank goodness, reiterated strongly that the IOC will not lessen its fight against drugs.

Stockholm is the first to put its case in a 55-minute presentation this morning, followed by Cape Town, then Athens, then the outsider, Buenos Aires, with the last word, it seems, to come from Rome.

The Italians remain confident. However, it would not be Rome without dissent, not Italian without self-wounding. Jas Gawronski, a member of the Senate in Italy, this week penned an article denouncing Rome, accusing its bid of falsifying facilities and, in spiteful humour, contradicting the claim that the centre of Rome could be reached from Fiumicino airport in 23 minutes. "Perhaps Michael Schumacher will be able to accomplish such a feat," Gawronski wrote, "but only at night and with no traffic."

Yet, with some of the insinuations, rumours and backbiting at last to be ended, the

prospect of supporting wider emancipation in South Africa is said to be falling on deaf ears. "If not now, then when might Africa be a candidate?" the South Africans and others are asking.

The response, particularly among Europeans, is that Mandela's democracy is young, that maybe 2006 would be proper. By then, Shanghai will have opened its bid for China, London, with the £200 million revamped Wembley Stadium at its core, could be a rival ... and the Dark Continent will not see the light.

Also out is golf. Believe it or not, there are those who hoped that the time was ripe, the potential profits too rich to reject, and that Tiger Woods et al could bestir the Olympics. Sydney, the site of the 2000 Games, reiterated yesterday that its programme is full and that the golfers can go and play elsewhere.

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## ROWING: SCULLERS LEAD IMPRESSIVE LIST OF QUALIFIERS ON DAY OF SEMI-FINAL SUCCESS

### Britons set for final reckoning

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT, IN AUGUELETTE

"WHO says Britain is not a sculling nation?" David Tanner, the Great Britain team manager, asked after the world championship semi-finals here yesterday. Nobody stepped forward, for Britain had enjoyed another remarkable day, with six of the seven British boats racing progressing to the finals tomorrow. The only failure, for the women's pair, was caused by illness.

Tanner's comment reflected the fact that four of the successes had come in sculling events, another piece of British team history. Greg Searle, in his first year as a sculler, continues to take unexpected scalps.

In his star-studded semi-final

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yesterday, he was lying fifth at 500 metres with four world and Olympic medal-winners around him. He proceeded to pick them off, finishing, with something to spare, in second place behind Istok Chop, the World Cup champion, from Slovenia.

The enthusiasm of Searle, who is now leaner by 5kg under the direction of his coach, Harry Mahon, is infectious, but focused. "I need to calm down now and think about the next 48 hours," he said.

There was similar single-mindedness from the two female scullers, Guin Batten, the heavyweight, and Jane Hall, the lightweight, who qualified

in second and third places respectively. Batten, like Searle, was fifth at 500 metres in a race where third place had looked an outside possibility behind Rutschow, of Germany, and Neykova, of Bulgaria. Like Searle, she moved through, taking third place at 1,500 metres and then enjoying the bonus of overtaking the Bulgarian by the finish. It was a far cry from the disappointing Batten seen at Henley and Lucerne.

"I usually produce the goods when it matters," she said. "The engine is back. It wasn't firing before."

Hall, again like Searle, has switched to sculling this year after winning medals in four world rowing championships. She is relishing the switch. "I would give up all my rowing medals to reach the sculls final," she had said earlier.

Another sculling revelation is the speed and technique of Miriam Batten, Guin's elder sister, and Gillian Lindsay in the women's double. They won their semi-final yesterday with ease, not bothering to undertake a faster final 500 metres, as they had planned.

"It was like a dream, we were moving so well," Batten said. "It has never felt so floaty."

The unaccustomed success of the scullers overshadowed the rather more expected first place calmly achieved by Britain's coxless four, with the Olympic champions, Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, on board. The crew led the race throughout and never varied their rate from 36



Searle powers into second place, where he finished with something to spare, yesterday

strokes a minute as Italy, chasing in second place, pushed up to 40 at the line.

Britain's other World Cup pacemakers, Bob Thatcher and Ben Hunt-Davis, had to produce a big third 500 metres to squeeze through in the tough coxless pairs semi-final, in which Lithuania, the World

Cup champions, finished last. Hunt-Davis said that he had suffered "nervous retching" during the first few strokes. They could be in the medal hunt if they can combine their aggression with technique.

By the end of the day, Britain had 13 crews through to the finals this weekend. A

possible fourteenth had been the women's coxless pair, who were considered to be medal contenders, but Cath Bishop, the stroke, developed a temperature of 102°F, so Francesca Zino, from the women's eight, joined Dot Blackie in the boat. The makeshift pair missed the final by 0.7sec.

## BOWLS

### Play-offs attract mixed field

By DAVID RHYS JONES

THE Professional Bowls Association (PBA) exists to help aspiring professionals carve out a career in an essentially amateur game, but the PBA play-offs today have attracted a mixed crew of contenders to Blackpool, where four will qualify for the International Open at Preston next month.

Among those hoping to make their television debut in October are Danny May, an 11-year-old from Cumbria, and George Ridgion, from Gloucestershire, who bowls from a wheelchair. "Good luck to them," Richard Corsie, the PBA chairman,

said. "It was our intention to make bowls at professional level accessible to everyone and we are delighted that people like Danny and George are willing to have a go."

May knows he is unlikely to qualify for the International Open on this occasion, but he is looking further ahead. "I want to win the world indoor singles championship before I'm 22, which would make me the youngest-ever winner," he said. "Then I'll probably retire by the time I'm 30 and take up golf."

Ridgion, as a tetraplegic, should not be able to propel a

bowl, weighing 3½lb, the length of a bowls rink, which is around 40 yards, but he does. "I'm a determined character," he said. "I'm not prepared to let setbacks get in my way."

The spotlight will also be on Phillis Nolan, of Dublin, who, with Margaret Johnston, has won the women's world pairs title three times in succession and who is one of seven women in the 73-strong field, and David Bryant, the world's most famous player, who is attempting to make a comeback at the age of 65.

## TELEVISION CHOICE

### A pedigree soap opera?

Vets in Practice

BBC1, 8.00pm

The success of this series, apart from the fact that it is about pets, lies in the increasingly popular play of treating a documentary like a soap opera, with twice-weekly instalments, regular characters and familiar faces, and, just to vary things, two making their first appearance. Trude, the engaging Norwegian, is coping much better in the real world than her tortured progress at vet school might have suggested, but Julie's first job has fallen apart after only three months. Joining the show tonight is Mike, who decided to practise his veterinary skills far away in Botswana. Castrating a jackal on his bedroom table is a far cry from the usual run of sick puppies. Fiona returns from a Turkish holiday to start a new practice in Cornwall.

The Bill

BBC1, 8.00pm

Considering the need to supply three new programmes week after week, the standard is still surprisingly high. Even so, *The Bill* does seem to have lost some of its old bite and settled for a steady routine. It is a good idea, therefore, to refresh the format with a story that runs over two episodes instead of the usual one. Written by Maxwell Young, *A Breath of Trust* gives a chance for two of the show's less prominent characters, DS Daly (Ray Ashcroft) and WPC Blake (Lolita Chakrabarti), to take centre stage as they investigate a man accused of stalking a woman. As usual we follow the case through the police eyes and the scenario is as much about conflicts between the officers on how to handle the suspect as it is about the progress of the investigation. The concluding part is on Tuesday.

Dangerfield

BBC1, 9.40pm

This is the fourth series of *Dangerfield* but its ten million followers to know that it is not the last, even though Nigel Le Vaillant has decided to hang up his stethoscope at the end of it. Having also played a doctor in *Casualty*, Le Vaillant is moving on to other, no doubt non-medical, things. His replacement is to be Dr



Nigel Le Vaillant as Dangerfield (BBC1)

Jonathan Paige, played by Nigel Havers, whom we will meet later. Presumably the show will have to be called *Paige*, which does not have the same ring. Meanwhile, Le Vaillant's GP-cum-police surgeon still has a stressful life running a surgery, helping to solve crimes, and worrying about his difficult offspring. And there is always the chance that this most eligible of television widowers will find a new partner. Hannah Waterman, daughter of Dennis, guest-stars in tonight's episode as a young mother suspected of killing her baby.

Room 101

BBC2, 10.00pm

Those tuning in and hoping to see Ulrika Jonsson in this slot will have to wait for another occasion. A schedule change means that instead of Ulrika's least favourite things we get Mark Lamarr's. The comedian and game show host has an unusual selection of pet hates to offer for the mythical trash can of eternity and may create a record for this show by including absolutely nothing from television. That would seem to limit the choice but it includes baby talk, on the argument that the last thing babies want when they are trying to make sense of the world is having adults making silly noises at them. Lamarr also dislikes films with subtitles (though he quotes an untypical and perhaps eccentric example), old wives' tales and telephone chat lines.

Peter Waymark

## RADIO CHOICE

Libel

Radio 4, 10.00am (FM only)

The second in this series about great libel cases looks as promising as the first, which concerned three Labour politicians who sued *The Spectator*. This week's case goes back to the 1930s and a Hollywood blockbuster called *Rasputin, The Mad Monk*. A Russian princess was portrayed in the film as having been raped, but she was still alive and sued MGM, claiming the incident never happened. The MGM tried to plead that some princesses had been raped, if not the one whose name they had used. The key consequence of the case was that it made the closing credits of all subsequent films longer: now, they all contain the paragraph about characters bearing no resemblance to anyone living or dead.

RADIO 1

7.00am The Breakfast Show with Kevin Greening 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Wiley 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Pete Tong — Essential Selection 10.00 One in the Jungle 12.00 Radio 1 Rap Show with Tim Westwood 3.00am Charlie Jordan

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6.00am Alex Lester 7.30 Wake Up To Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thorne 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Denis Quilley Shares The Best of Times. The first of seven reflections on a lifetime in show business 7.30 Radio 2's Music Minute Live from the Future Theatre in Scarborough, with the BBC Concert Orchestra under Rodden Durr 9.15 The Tailor of Panama 9.30 Listen to the Band 10.00 Shendan Morley 12.05am Charles Nove

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5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Dinkley 7.00 The People's Princess 9.00 Mike Allen 1.00am Mike Dickinson

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Dvořák (String Quartet in F, Op 96, American); Balakirev (Isamir); Monteverdi (Mentre vaga Angiolotta); Warlock (Capriccio Suite); Chopin (Rondo à la Mazur in F, Op 51); Debussy (The Sorcerer's Apprentice) 9.00 Morning Collection, with Catriona Young. Includes Rameau (Overture: Dardanus); Mozart (Flute Quartet in A, K298); Holst (Psalm 86); Shostakovich (Concerto No 2) 10.00 Musical Encounters, introduced by Chris Wines. Includes Beethoven (Bagatelle in A minor); Tchaikovsky (String Quartet No 3 in E flat minor, Op 30); Bach (Orchestral Suite No 4 in D, BWV 1068); Beethoven (Concerto in G, Op 51 No 2); Vaughan Williams (Job) 12.00 Proms Composer of the Week: Schubert 1.00pm Proms: Paderewski at the Court of Dresden. Presented by Nicholas Anderson. Colloquium in Musicium 90, under Simon Standage. Telemann (Violin Concerto in B flat), Paderewski (Violin Concerto No 1 in E flat), Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in D minor, RV273), Violin Sonata in C, RV2) Paderewski (Violin Concerto No 2 in E flat) (i) 2.00 BBC Proms 97. Arkady Volodarsky, piano, Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, under Riccardo Chailly (Indian Rhapsody, first UK performance); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor); Bartók (The Miraculous Mandarin); Strauss (Dance of the Seven Veils, Salome) 4.00 Musical Encounters, presented by Edward Seckerson. Includes highlights from the conductor's repertoire. Includes Wagner (Lohengrin, excerpts), with Jonathan Summers, baritone; Robert Lloyd, bass; Donald McIntyre, bass; Anna Tomowa-Sintow, soprano; René Kollo, tenor; Eva Randova, mezzo; Chorus and

Orchestra of the Royal Opera House

5.00 Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson (i) 5.15 In Tune, with Natalie Whelan. Includes Prokofiev (Visions Fugitives, Op 22, selection); Conlon Nanorcan, tenor; Mikhaeloff (Study No 7 for Player Piano); Barber (Violin Concerto)

7.30 BBC Proms 97. Consort and Players, under Paul McCreesh. Monteverdi (Vago Augello), Ardo, Awampon; Ardo e Scopio; Lamento della Ninfa; O Sea, Tranquill il Mare; For Chel Ciel a la Terra) 8.05 Venus and Adonis. Piers Burton-Pagge explores the world of Hans Werner Henze's new opera 8.30 Concert, part two. Henze (Venue and Adonis), with Evelyn Herzig, soprano; Ekkehard Wäschling, baritone. BBC Symphony Orchestra, under Markus Stern

9.50 To Bahia and Beyond. The poets Simon Amstell and Glyn Maxwell spend a night in the rainforest as they conclude their journey through Brazil (5/5)

10.15 Hear and Now (Sounding the Century). Andrew Spearling introduces a special invitation concert recorded last June at the BBC's Maida Vale Studios. Robin Carr, oboe, Music Projects London, under Richard Beas, Brian Ferryhough (Allegretto for Oboe and Nine Strings); Barbara Monk Feldman (Verses for Five); Luigi Nono (Cent per Tredici); Cornelius Cardew (Octet 61); Friedrich (Epicure) for 20 Solo Chirping

11.45 Proms Composer of the Week: Mendelssohn. Introduced by Roger Nichols (i)

12.45am Hard Rock, Soft Focus, Ayn Sripston continues his history of the Blue Note Record Label (5/5) (i)

1.00 Through the Night, with David Cornel

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Ending 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today. Includes Sports News and Thought for the Day 6.45 Personal History, by Katharine Graham (5/10)

9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley's guest is the singer Cleo Laine (i)

9.45 Feedback. Chris Durnley reads out listeners' opinions on air

10.00 News; Libel. See Choice

10.00 An Act of Worship (LW)

10.15 This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour, with Sheila McConnell

11.30 The Natural History Programme. Presented by Joanna Pinnock

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Mark Whitaker

12.25pm Derek Cooper's Necessary Pleasures. Derek Cooper celebrates the parent country pub, and discovers the ingredients that make the ideal local, by visiting the Birch Hall Inn in Yorkshire (i)

12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Alex Brodie

1.40 The Archers (i) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Classic Serial: The Aspin Papers. The museum newly designed by Norman Foster

2.45 Short Story: The Lava Tree, by Janice Fox. A council decides to improve a pensioner's housing

Read by Stephen Thorne

5.00 PM, with Clare English and Charlie Lee-Potter

5.55 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Going Places. David Stafford presents more ideas for days out. Includes the Sheffield singer-songwriter John Shuttleworth spending a day in Mablethorpe

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week. Chris Serle presents his selection from the week's BBC television and radio programmes

8.05 Hype or Hypothesis. Jez Nelson chairs a scientific debate entitled The Patenting of Life is a

8.50 Three Writers in Search of a Character. See Choice

9.15 Letter from America. Another slice of life

9.20 Kaleidoscope (i) 9.55 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedtime: To the Lighthouse, by Virginia Woolf. Read by Eileen Atkins (5/10) (i)

11.00 Do Go On. The first of a light-hearted discussion series with Andy Red and guests. This week's participants include the geneticist Jeff Leach and the comedians Gail Rhys Jones and Graeme Garden

11.25 Tea Junction, with Patrick Hannan

11.45 Back Here. Stephen Perry, returning to England after working in the USA, compares the two countries

12.00 News Includes 12.25am approx Weather

12.30am Late Book: The Woman and the Ape, by Peter Higgs. Read by Helen Schlesinger (10/10)

12.45 Shipping Forecast (LW)

1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.5-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.8. LW 198. MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1068, 1088, 1098. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McEneaney.

## WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

DETANT

(b) In the mechanism of a gun-lock, an oscillating tongue pivoted over the half-cock notch, to prevent the gun from catching therein when the cock falls. A variant of *detent* affected by the pronunciation of the French *détente*.

EXARCH

(c) Under the Byzantine emperors, the governor of a distant province, as Africa or Italy; in the latter case with the title *Exarch of Ravenna*. The title was revived in the Holy Roman Empire. "Governed by a lieutenant of the Emperor of Constantinople, under the title of church of the five cities of Pentapolis."

EXSILIATION

(a) The action of hissing off the stage ignominious rejection. From the Latin *ex* + *siliare* to hiss. "He is to be ignominiously exsiliated."

DIESSIS

(b) In ancient Greek music, a name given to several different intervals smaller than a tone, especially the Pythagorean semitone, equal to the difference between two major tones and a perfect fourth. From the Greek for a sounding through or apart. In modern music the interval equal to the difference between three major thirds and an octave, or between the chromatic and diatonic semitones.

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# Parting of the ways in Papua New Guinea

There was good reason for being disappointed with *The Last Magician* (BBC2). For a start it offered precious little in the way of magic. Chief Nalubutu, when we eventually got round to meeting him, turned out to be "keeper of the garden magic", which is apparently vital for the successful cultivation of yams, but no good at all at anything involving hats, rabbits or saving women in half. I'd have settled for a yam sown in half, but it was not to be.

Nor was it certain that Nalubutu was the last anything. True, his chosen successor, John Kasipwalova, was not exactly in the traditional mould of chiefs of the Trobriand Islands. He was more a chieftain of our time, talking excitedly of bringing computers, satellite communications and a luxury hotel to the island. But he could be flexible — he would plant a seedling for every

magnificent tree logged and his plans for the hotel development included an arts centre. No doubt yams and their attendant spells could be incorporated somewhere in his five-year plan.

Nalubutu was sceptical: "Your new village will be an end to our traditions." But nothing like as doubtful as William Takaku, who believes that economic development along Western lines spells the end of the traditional, tribal way of life on the Trobriands and in other parts of Papua New Guinea. As director of the national theatre company he had turned his beliefs into plays, which he takes from village to village. On this tour he also seemed to have stumbled across one of the fabled lost documentary teams of Papua New Guinea, which according to local legend, roam the remaining rainforest looking for anything that might make a good 50 minutes.

This time they had come up trumps. For while *The Last Magician* might not have quite lived up to its title, it was a beautifully observed and thoughtful film.

It helped that its two stars, Takaku and Kasipwalova, both spoke immaculate English, but it helped more that both men were representative of types you'll find much closer to home than Port Moresby. Takaku, bearded and dreadlocked, was PNG's more eloquent answer to Swampy, against logging, mining, technology and anything that smacked of economic growth. Unexpectedly, his blacklist included hospitals: "If people have to die it's because God says they have to die." We'll get to God in a moment.

Kasipwalova, on the other hand, was his friendly capitalist nemesis. That said, despite his command of economic and management jargon, I always had the impression

of a man who talked a good deal rather than did them: all mouth and no sars, as they say in these parts. If you find yourself staying in a luxury island hotel built around a beautiful natural swimming pool in a few years' time, you'll know I was wrong.

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for all but the most fervent evangelist, frankly depressing part of the film was Nalubutu's conversion to Catholicism the day after he stepped down as chieftain. With a triumphant priest hovering in the background, the old man tearfully reflected on a turbulent 48 hours. "I have let go all my traditions and put aside the riches of magic that my father gave me." As a result, he would not be going to Tuma, the spirit island of local tradition, when he died, but to Heaven, hopefully. "If I'm strong enough I will reach God in Heaven but if I fail," he said, finishing with a weary sigh, "it doesn't matter."

There were more tears in QED — *Challenging Children* (BBC1), which kicked off a short series of films about modern parenting with *Baby Love*. For a while it looked as though it, too, would be very moving but ultimately it wasn't. Now this may be because

we are all emotionally spent at the moment or it may be because having outlined the problem of mothers who do not love their babies, Charlotte Howarth, the producer, showed there was a comparatively straightforward solution once help was sought. Result? Much happier babies, much happier but tearful mothers and dry eyes all round. I'm afraid, at my house. Perhaps I missed something.

Or was it that I just resented being manipulated? With only two case histories and only one of them dealt with in detail, I felt we had lingered too long on Vicki's tearful therapy sessions without learning much that was new about post-natal depression or communicating with babies. Still, I was glad she got the right sort of help and, more importantly, so were her babies. Finally, there was good news in

Taggart (ITV) — especially for Richard Lintern. He's finally made it out of the woods. Lintern, the actor whose brooding good looks mean he is forever being banished to dark woodlands as somebody's bit of rough. They gave him a nice dark shack in *Plantation*, while in *The Beggar Bride* he did the brutish needful in a tumbledown keeper's cottage. Last night, however, as a promising three-partner got under way, he got his reward: a designer Glasgow flat (not so much an oxymoron these days as a cliché), an exotic girlfriend with a fun car and not a rough-hewn plank in sight.

True, that still leaves the small problem of the shaven-headed Russian who was holding a knife to his throat as the final credits rolled, and the disconcerting statistic that we're an hour in and we've still only got one dead body. But I'm sure he'll think of something.

## REVIEW



Matthew Bond

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- BBC1**
- 6.00am Business Breakfast (52292)
  - 7.00am BBC Breakfast News (1) (58349495)
  - 9.05am Can't Cook, Won't Cook (2287292)
  - 9.30am Style Challenge Maureen and Dave from BBC1's *Driving School* (1025292)
  - 9.55am Killy (1) (5074853)
  - 10.35am Change That (1164679)
  - 11.00am News (1) Regional News and weather (434747)
  - 11.05am The Really Useful Show (1) (9476765)
  - 11.35am Room for Improvement (2047766)
  - 12.00am News (1) Regional News and weather (600698)
  - 12.05pm Call My Bluff (9277360)
  - 12.35pm Going for a Song Antiques quiz (918521)
  - 1.00pm One O'Clock News (1) (67037)
  - 1.30pm Regional News (1) (7084747)
  - 1.40pm The Weather Show (8793236)
  - 1.45pm Neighbours Tim decides to do the decent thing and return to Ramsay Street (1) (7771040)
  - 2.10pm Quinlan Klugman (6888719)
  - 3.00pm Through the Keyhole (7448308)
  - 3.25pm Playdays (7450143) 3.50pm Postman Pat (1197308) 4.05pm Bananaman (3214037) 4.15pm To Me, To You (4242478) 4.30pm Agent Z and the Penguin from Mars (625124)
  - 5.00pm Newsround (1) (9563380)
  - 5.10pm Record Breakers with guest Ainsley Harriott (1) (5552056)
  - 5.35pm Neighbours (1) (1) (709768)
  - 6.00pm Six O'Clock News (1) (501)
  - 6.30pm Regional News (553)
  - 7.00pm Weekend Watchdog Anne Robinson presents more consumer reports, getting the facts on a typhoid epidemic that hit British tourists in the Dominican Republic (1) (2785)
  - 7.30pm Top of the Pops (1) (227)
  - 8.00pm Vets in Practice Mike Sandford starts work in a. Botswana animal orphanage (1) (8105)
  - 8.30pm Keeping Up Appearances The ribcage episode of the comedy starring Patricia Routledge and Clive Swift (1) (5740)
  - 9.00pm Nine O'Clock News (1) and weather (16650)
  - 9.40pm Dangerfield Paul is called in to investigate an alleged cat death (1) (830105)
  - 10.30pm Dime — The People's Vigil (14209)
  - 11.00pm Reflections (689921)
  - 11.10pm Parkinson: The Interviews A new series begins with Ingrid Bergman (1) (47430)
  - 11.45pm Cerebralia (1942, b/w) starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid, Claude Rains, Sydney Greenstreet and Peter Lorre. A romantic drama, the winner of three Oscars, set in wartime Morocco, about an American nightclub owner who meets an old dame and her husband, a Resistance leader, who both need to leave the country in a hurry. Directed by Michael Curtiz (6058)
  - 1.35pm News and weather (2059148). Ends at 1.50

- BBC2**
- 6.00am OU: The Changing Face of Poverty (4064495) 6.25pm Somewhere a Wall Came Down (4078230) 6.50pm Modelling in the Money Markets (5874230) 7.15pm See Hear Breakfast News (1) (4914650)
  - 7.30pm Smurfs' Adventures (1) (6012327) 7.55pm Cartoon Critics (1) (5017105) 8.20pm William's Wish Wollington (1) (905581)
  - 8.25pm Wishing (559872) 8.30pm Teletubbies (10058) 9.00pm Harry and the Hendersons (1) (1) (2266563) 9.25pm Flash Gordon (1) (3482785) 9.45pm Rocky Star (8287582) 9.50pm Cartoon (827547) 10.00pm Teletubbies (42230)
  - 10.30pm Sherlock Holmes and the Spider Woman (1944, b/w) with Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce and Gale Sondergaard. (24478)
  - 11.10pm International Women's Cricket Highlights of England v South Africa. Ralph Deller and Rachel Heyhoe Flint commentate (50230)
  - 12.30pm Working Lunch (25476) 1.00pm The Little Polar Bear (73090143) 1.05pm Pingu (73090143) 1.10pm The Croft House (5181378) 2.10pm The Two of Us (1) (3103723) 2.40pm News (1) (1441478) 2.45pm Match of the Seventies (1) (1) (3352678) 3.25pm News (1) (4494360) 3.30pm Real Roads (259) 4.00pm Ready, Steady, Cook (766) 4.30pm Going, Going, Gone (6250495) 4.55pm Esther (8940788) 5.30pm Today's the Day (230)
  - 6.00pm Star Trek Kirk and his crew beam down to a planet which bears a remarkable resemblance to 1920s Chicago (1) (1) (544583)
  - 6.50pm The X-Files (304056)
  - 7.00pm Cricket: NatWest Trophy Final Preview David Gower looks forward to the clash between Warwickshire and Essex (2607)
  - 7.30pm Top Gear Motorsport Highlights of the Finnish Rally (1) (679)
  - 8.00pm The Antiques Show (6747)
  - 8.30pm Gardeners' World A lady whose passion for gardening began 70 years ago (1) (8582)
  - 9.00pm Bottom The boys visit a dating agency to fix up Richie (1) (1) (4124)
  - 9.30pm Rab C Nesbitt (1) (38940)
  - 10.00pm Room 101 Mark Lammarr reveals his hates (10.00)
  - 10.30pm Newsnight (922178)
  - 11.15pm The Outer Limits Science fiction drama (174899)
  - 12.00pm Lush Life (1993) Drama with Jeff Goldblum, Forest Whitaker and Kathy Baker. Directed by Michael Elias (941419)
  - 1.45pm Betrayed (1944) Drama starring Robert Mitchum, Kim Hunter and Dean Jagger, directed by William Castle (1025292)
  - 2.55pm Weather (7587273)

- HTV**
- 6.00am GMTV Early morning news and entertainment (7602211)
  - 9.25pm Supermarket Sweep with host Dale Winton (1) (223476)
  - 9.55pm Regional News (1)
  - 10.00pm The Time, the Place presented by John Stapleton (46056)
  - 10.30pm This Morning (1) (18541940)
  - 12.20pm Regional News (1) (6903872)
  - 12.30pm News (1) (913018)
  - 12.55pm Our House (1) (9191037)
  - 1.25pm Home and Away (5825688)
  - 1.50pm Murder, She Wrote (3025582)
  - 2.50pm Garden Calendar (8495211)
  - 3.20pm News (1) (4422143)
  - 3.25pm Regional News (1) (4421414)
  - 3.30pm Jay's World (1) (1171360) 3.40pm Kipper (7914292) 3.50pm Oscar and Friends (7910478) 4.00pm The Giant Bear (1) (2254879) 4.15pm City of the Year Awards (2433766)
  - 5.10pm A Country Practice Rural medical drama (2090292)
  - 5.40pm ITN News (1) (968582)
  - 6.00pm Home and Away There is trouble in store for Fisher (1) (738368)
  - 6.25pm HTV Weather (88380)
  - 6.30pm Regional News (1) (921)
  - 7.00pm Bruce's Price Is Right Bruce Forsyth presents the popular quiz, inviting audience members to come on down and compete for prizes (1) (7853)
  - 7.30pm Coronation Street Delia gets the shock of her life when she moves in with Jon and Chris has had enough of playing second fiddle to Des (1) (105)
  - 8.00pm Choice The Bill: A Breach of Trust (1) (12) US Day (Ray Ashcroft) is on the trail of a thief (1) (6501)
  - 8.30pm Surprise! Surprise! Cilla Black arranges a meeting between Shakin' Stevens and a devoted fan, and whisks a Home and Away enthusiast off on a trip to Australia (1) (62124)
  - 9.30pm Diana, Princess of the People (1) (3276)
  - 10.00pm News at Ten (1) (19327)
  - 10.40pm Late and Live Chat show with Dave Barrett and Patricia Yorston (9755501)
  - 12.10pm Short Story Cinema (944431)
  - 12.40pm The Paul Ross Show From London's Cafe de Paris, Paul Ross presents a feast of comedy, music and special guests to usher in the weekend (5326419)
  - 2.15pm California Split (1974) Drama with George Segal, Elliot Gould and Ann Prentiss. Directed by Robert Altman (649334)
  - 4.05pm Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (5106780)
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- As HTV West except:**
- 12.55pm-1.25pm A Country Practice (9191037)
  - 2.50-3.20pm Surprise Chiefs (495211)
  - 5.10-5.40pm Shortland Street (2090292)
  - 6.25-7.00pm Central News (610198)
  - 10.30pm Central News (445768)
  - 10.45pm Film: Cannonball Fever (2920582)
  - 2.10pm The LADS (134815)
  - 2.40pm Office Affairs (317707)
  - 3.15pm Baywatch (557041)
  - 4.00pm Heller Skeller (966554)
  - 4.50pm Central Jobfinder '97 (3176709)
  - 5.20pm Asian Eye (1640508)
- WESTCOUNTRY**
- As HTV West except:**
- 12.20pm-12.30pm Illuminations (695853)
  - 12.55pm Home and Away (9191037)
  - 1.25pm Dressing Up (627358)
  - 1.55pm Westcountry Update (7275872)
  - 2.25-3.20pm Blue Heelers (740114)
  - 5.10-5.40pm Home and Away (2090292)
  - 6.00-7.00pm Westcountry Live (20921)
  - 10.30pm Westcountry News (445768)
  - 10.45pm Film: Cannonball Fever (2920582)
- As HTV West except:**
- 12.55pm-1.25pm Shortland Street (9191037)
  - 1.50pm Serve You Right (7726501)
  - 2.20-3.20pm Highway to Heaven (8737563)
  - 5.10-5.40pm Home and Away (2090292)
  - 6.00-7.00pm Meridian Tonight (20921)
  - 10.30pm Meridian News and Weather (445768)
  - 10.45pm The Magic and Mystery Show (48476)
  - 11.15pm Weekly World News (465388)
  - 11.45pm Wileguy (73018)
  - 5.00pm Prescreen (44348)
- ANGLIA**
- As HTV West except:**
- 12.55-1.25pm A Country Practice (9191037)
  - 1.50pm Countrywide (7726501)
  - 2.20-3.20pm Highway to Heaven (8737563)
  - 5.10-5.40pm Shortland Street (2090292)
  - 6.25-7.00pm Anglia News (610198)
  - 10.30pm Anglia News Extra (95747)
  - 11.00pm Film: Dr. Phibes Rises Again (1973). A camp horror starring Vincent Price (511834)
- 5.40pm**
- Starts: 7.00pm The Big Breakfast** (40360)

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- CHANNEL 4**
- 5.55pm Sesame Street (78230)
  - 7.00pm The Big Breakfast (40360)
  - 9.00pm Something So Right American sitcom (86476)
  - 9.30pm Stars and Stripes Forever (1962) A musical biopic of the march king, John Philip Sousa. Starring Clifton Webb, directed by Henry Kostel (8372853)
  - 11.05pm The Playhouse (1920, b/w) A Buster Keaton short (9471211)
  - 11.30pm Here's One! Made Earlier (1835) 12.00pm Sesame Street (64740) 12.30pm Baby Baby (45872) 1.00pm Light Lunch (1) (1) (48327) 2.00pm Channel 4 Racing from Epsom and Haydock Live coverage of the 2.05, 2.35, 3.05 and 3.40 races from Epsom and the 2.50 (Haydock Park Sprint Cup) from Haydock (5105)
  - 4.00pm Bewitched (1) (834) 4.30pm Countdown (1) (824583) 4.55pm Ricki Lake (1) (811094) 5.30pm Pet Rescue (1) (698)
  - 6.00pm TFI Friday The first of a new series of the music and chat show hosted by Chris Evans (28563)
  - 7.00pm Channel 4 News (1) Includes headlines and weather at 7.30 (29634)
  - 7.55pm Secret Buildings The Oxford Union (1) (51476)
  - 8.00pm Garden Party Tom Barber and the team visit a group of small gardens in Moseley, Birmingham (1) (143)
  - 8.30pm Brookside Sinbad has to decide what he is going to tell Carmel about Tinhead (1) (3650)
  - 9.00pm Friends Rachel wonders if she will get another job after leaving Central Park (1) (195308)
  - 9.35pm Cybill Comedy starring Cybill Shepherd (1) (92476)
  - 10.00pm Frasier Martin is delighted to be dumped by his girlfriend (1) (71998)
  - 10.30pm King of the Hill Animation (326037)
  - 11.05pm TFI Friday (1) (573018)
  - 12.05pm Clean, Shaven (1995) A drama about a man on the run from a mental institution, pursued by a detective who suspects him of child murder. Starring Peter Greene and Robert Albert, directed by Lodge P. Kemgan (9114591)
  - 1.35pm Robin Adult animation (232490)
  - 1.40pm Confession (1955, b/w) A drama about a priest who will not reveal what he knows about a murder he learnt about in the privacy of the confessional. Starring Gregory Chappin and Patrick Allen. Directed by Ken Hughes (32457)
  - 3.20pm Twenty One Days (1937, b/w) A melodrama starring Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh, directed by Basil Dean and Alexander Korda (7917728)
  - 4.40pm Talkover TV (1) (84247815)
  - 5.10pm Fluke Game show (1) (8296831)

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  - 8.30pm WideWorld Producing power when fossil fuels run out (8/10) (1251872)
  - 9.00pm Espresso Customer affairs magazine (771853) 10.00pm Exclusive (1) (830308) 10.30pm The Car Show (1) (666376)
  - 11.00pm Looza Chat show (1799414) 11.50pm Double Espresso (69011230)
  - 12.00pm The Bold and the Beautiful (1) (2962768) 12.30pm Family Affairs (1) (2962768) 1.00pm 5 News Update (830308) 1.05pm Sunset Beach (1) (8974582) 2.00pm 5's Company (8945143)
  - 3.30pm Pal Joey (1957) starring Frank Sinatra, Rita Hayworth and Kim Novak. A Rogers and Hart musical set in San Francisco, directed by George Sidney (7633194)
  - 5.30pm Move on Up Out game (1) (9424785) 6.00pm 100 Per Cent game show (9421888)
  - 6.30pm Family Affairs Duncan is reduced to crying on Holly and Susie (1) (9405650)
  - 7.00pm Exclusive Entertainment news (847821)
  - 7.30pm 5 News Special (9401834)
  - 9.00pm Whatever Happened To? (1991) starring Vanessa Redgrave and Lynn Redgrave. Brave (tooth)ful? revisit to the plot of the Davis/Crawford classic, Whatever Happened to Baby Jane? Directed by Bob Greene (8679259)
  - 10.50pm La Femme Nikita A new series about a young female government agent fighting global terrorism by any means available. Starring Patricia Wilson (2813821)
  - 11.45pm Stay Hungry (1976) starring Jeff Bridges and Sally Field. A wealthy Southerner involved in buying a gym, becomes friendly with the bodybuilders who work out there and falls for a tough working-class girl. With Arnold Schwarzenegger. Directed by Bob Rafelson (574563)
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- For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Directory, published on Saturday
- SKY 1**
- 6.00am Morning Glory (561300) 8.00pm Another World (2158) 11.00pm Days of Our Lives (82595) 12.00pm Oprah Winfrey (772529) 1.00pm General Hospital (772529) 1.30pm The Bold and the Beautiful (772529) 2.00pm The Young and the Restless (772529) 2.30pm The Doctors (772529) 3.00pm The Love Boat (772529) 3.30pm The Love Boat (772529) 4.00pm The Love Boat (772529) 4.30pm The Love Boat (772529) 5.00pm The Love Boat (772529) 5.30pm The Love Boat (772529) 6.00pm The Love Boat (772529) 6.30pm The Love Boat (772529) 7.00pm The Love Boat (772529) 7.30pm The Love Boat (772529) 8.00pm The Love Boat (772529) 8.30pm The Love Boat (772529) 9.00pm The Love Boat (772529) 9.30pm The Love Boat (772529) 10.00pm The Love Boat (772529) 10.30pm The Love Boat (772529) 11.00pm The Love Boat (772529) 11.30pm The Love Boat (772529) 12.00pm The Love Boat (772529)

- SKY MOVIES GOLD**
- 4.00pm Alvin and the Chipmunks (1959) (9405501)
  - 6.00pm Living in the Past (1984) (3385105) 8.00pm The Untouchables (1959) (114049) 10.00pm The Untouchables (1959) (114049) 12.00pm The Untouchables (1959) (114049)
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